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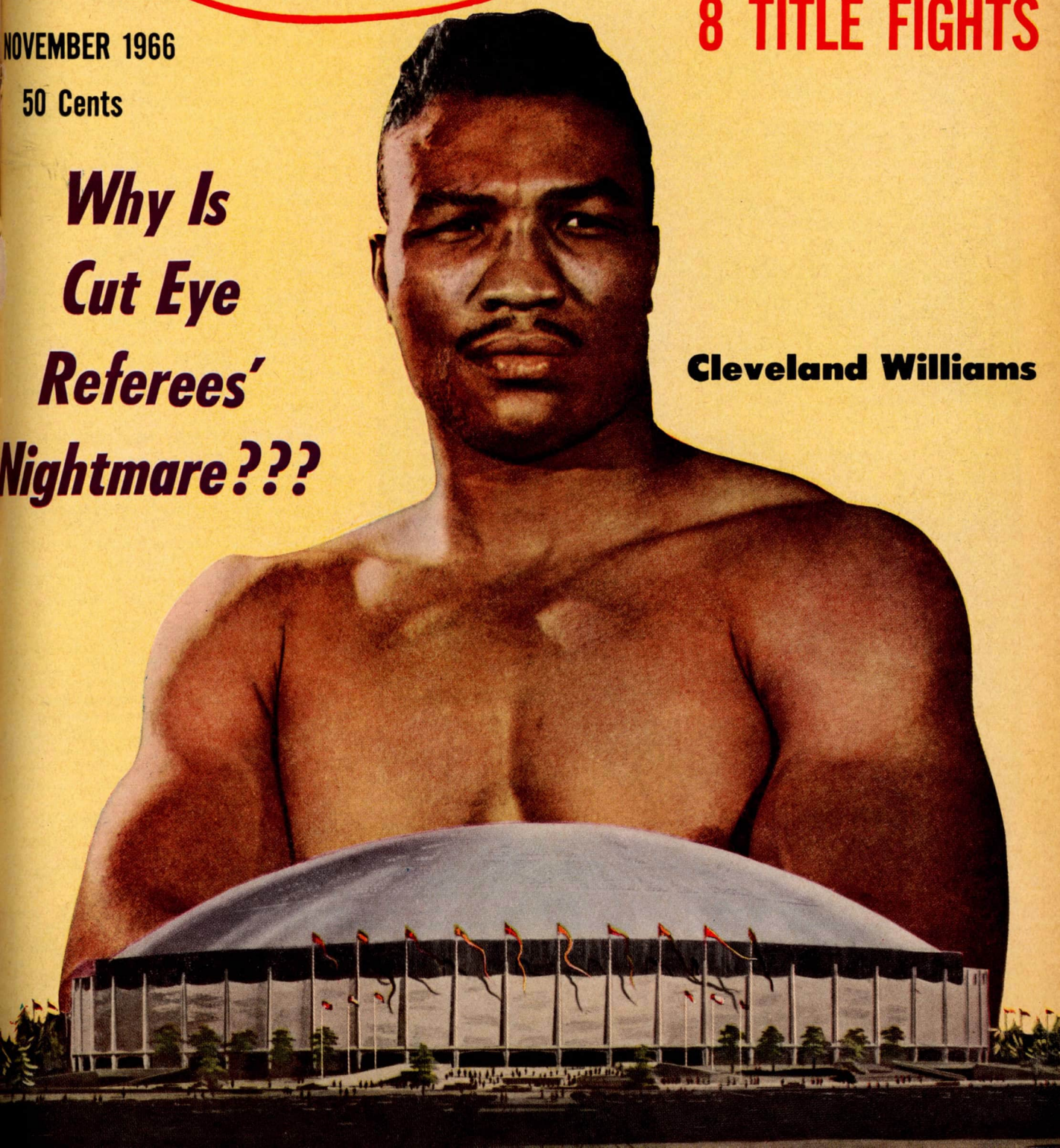

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NAT FLEISCHER

Speaks Out!!!

HOW old is old? How young is old, and how old is young? A puzzle, a conundrum? No. Just a search for reliable information, stemming from the controversy-loaded fight between Jose Torres, light heavyweight champion of the world, and Eddie Cotton.

Cotton is an admitted forty. Possibly a year older. But he gave the 30-year-old Torres a terrific fight. Thousands of those who saw the contest reproduced on the TV screen felt that the unanimous decision which went to the champion should have been awarded to the challenger.

I do not agree with the wild yammer that Cotton was "jobbed" but I am ready to accord to Eddie all the honors which must accrue to a near victor and a sportsman.

Cotton proved himself a very adroit, skilled and well conditioned boxer. That he threw three low punches, one of which may have cost him a draw or the title, was unfortunate because not one of the fouls was intentional. Eddie was making Jose's body the big target and the fact that he hit below the belt is not to be regarded as a stigma on his sportsmanship. But low punches must be penalized.

Now, then, how old is old? That Cotton was forty became a handicap for him in the last two rounds, especially in the fifteenth, in which Torres rallied strongly, had his challenger in trouble, and saved the championship for himself.

Had it been Torres at 40 and Cotton at 30, the result could very well have gone the other way.

It might be wise to rule boxers of 40 out of competition. But some men are old at 30 and, as Cotton demonstrated, young at 40.

In response to requests for my opinion, I will say that I support the unanimous decision in favor of Torres fully, and without question.

The young and the impetuous would take from a title holder his hard earned crown on the basis of one point.

The constitutional battlers for the under dog will deprive a champion of his laurels on the basis of a one minute flurry.

The quick- to-decide are prone to give too great credence to what they see on the television screen.

That the product of the camera is not to be trusted as a guide in as close a fight as the Torres-Cotton affair has been demonstrated to me time after time.

A hook which was brushed by an elbow sometimes looks like a vital hit. A wild swing sometimes will appear on the screen as a serious factor.

The most important reason for not trusting the camera is the tendency of the picture box to mislead as regards the depth of a punch. All too often the TV reproduction will give the impression that a soft punch is a thoroughly solid one. The screen cannot convey a true impression of the power and depth of a blow.

However, in the case of the Cotton fight with Torres, the evidence of Eddie's consummate artistry on defense was not to be denied even on the screen. The way Eddie tied up the champion was a thing of beauty. But, at 40, Cotton could not contain Torres to the point of taking the championship from him.

In these times we are prone to forget the old precept that the champion deserves the courtesy which must go to a title holder in a close fight like the one in Las Vegas.

Not that I feel that the courtesy had to be invoked to save Torres from loss of his championship.

Whatever I have written here about the dangers of trusting the camera too far is not to be regarded as a derogation of TV pictures and movies as guides, and sources of entertainment.

The television cameras of Channel 5, WNEW-TV, did a fine job at Las Vegas. However, those who maneuvered the commercial breaks were too avid in the interest of the beer and tobacco concerns which paid for the commercials.

Those who spaced the commercials would not let the fighters return to their corners before starting the sell.

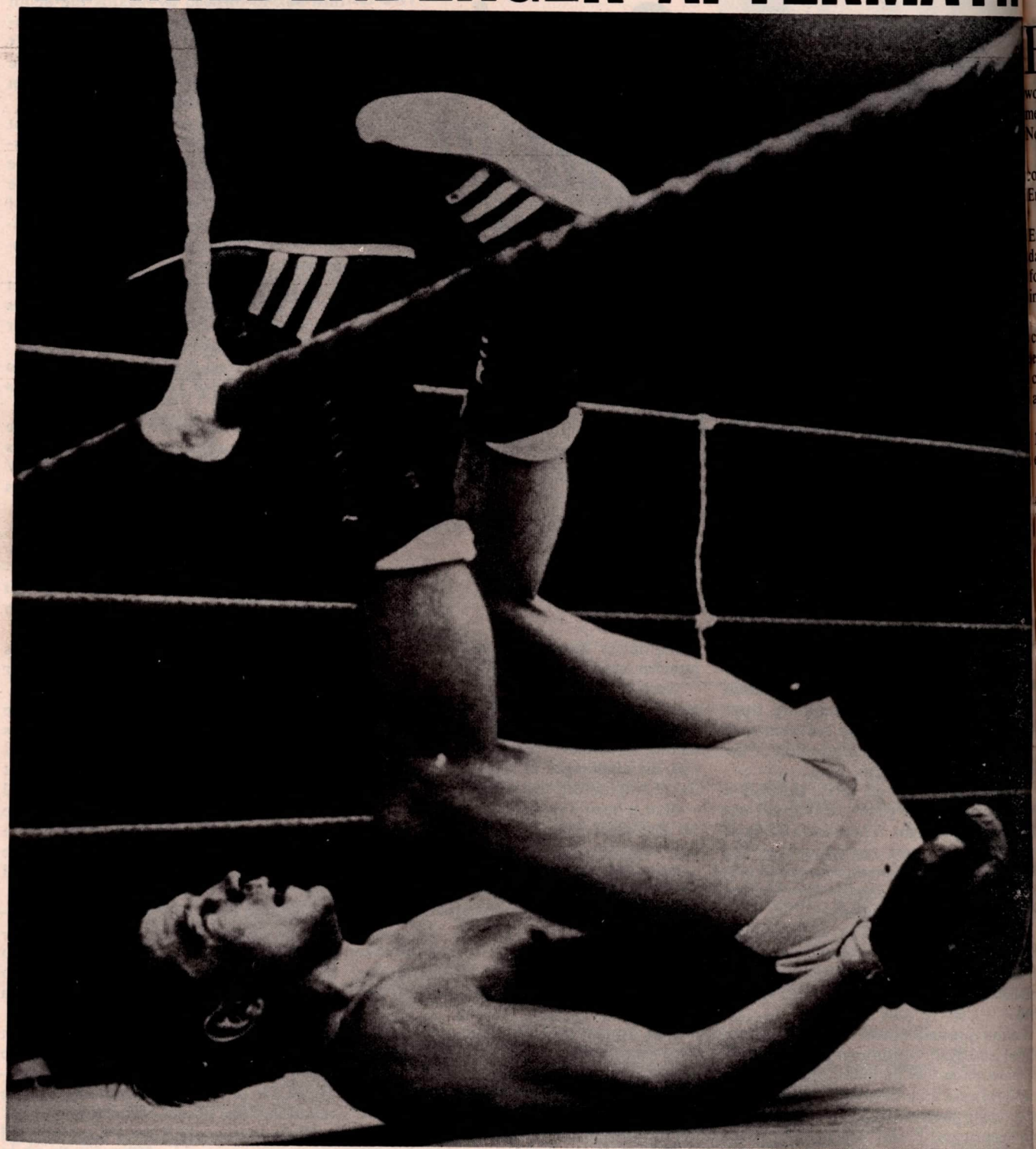
There was an especially bad example of this in the fourth round. Torres was getting a punching at the close of the heat and for all the viewers knew, he might have been knocked out. The commercial was rushed onto the screen before the close of the round. The sales pitch showed a young man doing some highly creditable but hardly dramatic gym work, on parallel bars.

That title fights have had somewhat better narration than that which accompanied the Las Vegas TV showing is not to be doubted. However, this was not too serious a factor as the story told itself on the screen.

In short, it was a fine, hard fight between two hard fighters, with the champion of the world retaining his laurels against a determined foe. I had Torres winning by one round and one point—that close.

The question which the TV showing did not answer was this: Why did the fight draw only 3,000 persons?

CHAMPION CLAY WENT STALE, JUDGE FLEISCHER BELIEVES IN MILDENBERGER AFTERMATH



Mildenberger lands on his back, almost doing a complete somersault after being dropped by a solid right, flush on the chin, by Clay in the tenth round. It was the third time the German challenger hit the deck during the championship encounter.

Winner Hurt Right Hand, Loser Gave Grand Display Of Courage in Frankfurt

By NAT FLEISCHER

FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY—Having disposed of Karl Mildenberger, champion of Europe, in twelve rounds, Cassius Clay-Muhammad Ali will defend his world title for the fifth time within seven months when he meets Cleveland Williams in Houston's famous Astrodome in November.

After that, granted that he whips the Texan, Clay will be confronted with the necessity of settling his differences with Ernie Terrell.

Conditions have forced delay in matching Cassius with Ernie. But the day of reckoning will have to be faced. And a day of reckoning it will be, with possibly serious consequences for the champion if he does not improve sharply on his showing against Mildenberger.

I am not faulting Clay for anything he showed me in the contest here. I was one of the judges, and if I ever watched every move by the two fighters, I watched it as 45,000 fans cheered Karl on in the Wald Stadium, with the temperature at 65 and rain falling at times.

However, for a champion who entered the ring with the odds 10 to 1 in his favor, Cassius did not terminate hostilities early enough for the majority of the experts.

I scored the fight 8 and 3 until the twelfth. Then Clay took the scoring into his own hands and finally cashed in on Mildenberger's too obvious and unhappy vulnerability to a straight fight.

Seldom has a challenger for the heavyweight title been so soft a target for one designated punch.

Why did Clay fail to end the fight sooner than the 34 minutes 30 seconds which it lasted? Here are some of the thoughts which formed themselves in my mind as I sat at the ringside:

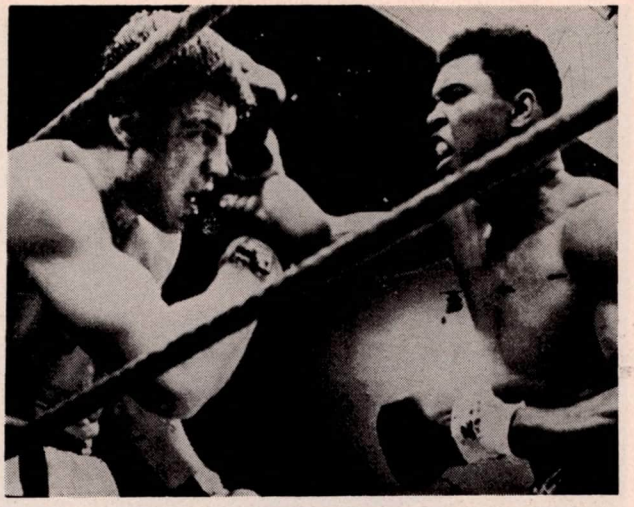
1—Cassius Clay had gone stale. He had been fighting too much, training too much, since he encountered George Chuvalo at Toronto. That contest, which went the full 15 rounds, was fought on March 29.

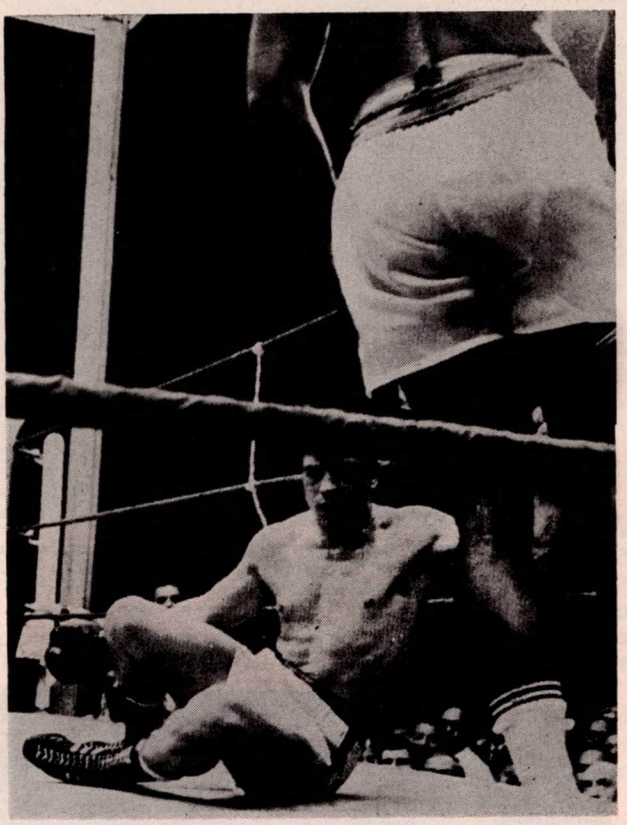
2—Mildenberger's lefthanded stance bothered Clay far more than he had feared. That he had entertained some apprehension from that direction had been indicated by the fact that he had been working against two southpaw sparring mates. Two lefties beat Cassius as an amateur.

3—Muhammad Ali was surprised by the gameness, the raw fighting quality, the ability to take punishment and come back, demonstrated by the German. Floored thrice, Karl never failed to regain his feet, never failed to rally.

4—Cassius conceivably became disgusted with himself as round followed round, and Mildenberger refused to be knocked out. In decking Karl three times Clay achieved nothing more than had been accomplished by Dave Bailey, an unrated itinerant heavyweight from Philadelphia, who on September 10, 1965, at Hamburg, floored Karl three times in ten rounds, with the last heat reportedly shortened to save the champion of Europe.

Clay flew out of here for Chicago with a badly puffed right hand. He said he had injured it in the third round. He felt that there was a possible fracture. Did this injury have anything to do with the fact that the fight lasted into the twelfth round? Will that injury delay the match with Cleveland Williams in Houston?





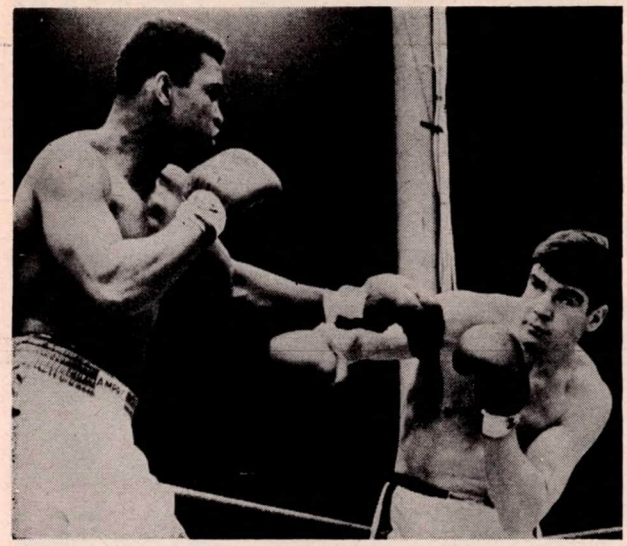
Above we see Clay landing a hard right to Mildenberger's head during the early action. Mildenberger was open for right hands throughout the battle. Below, Karl, seemingly dazed, sits on his posterior after being floored for the second time. Note the puffiness and damage under his eyes.

Even those who have faulted Clay for what they called a "second class performance against a second class heavyweight" must concede that, with competition in the United States apparently barred to him by his lack-wisdom cracks concerning his being drafted for Army service, Muhammad had done his best by the world title.

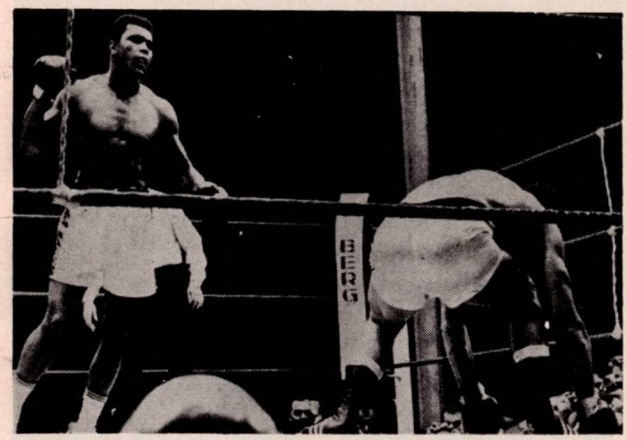
After giving Chuvalo a sound thrashing at Toronto, Clay met Henry Cooper in London on May 21 and knocked him out in six rounds.

On August 6, Ali took Brian London in three heats. Then the Mildenberger fight, giving Clay four victories within 36 rounds.

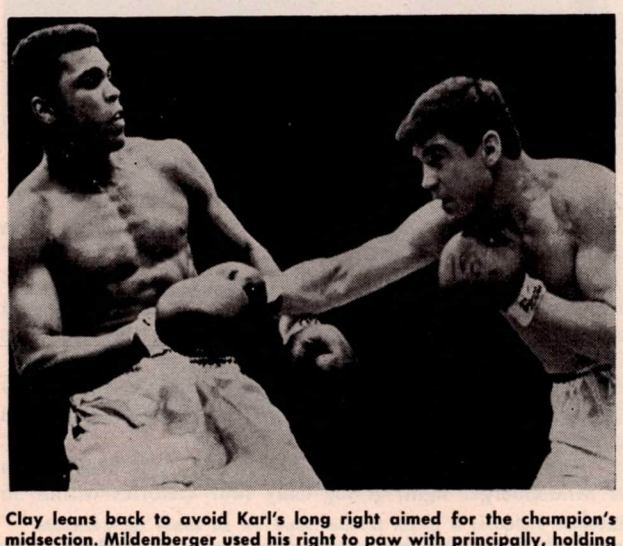
Nobody demanded Joe Louis's blood when he failed to stop



A wary Mildenberger eyes the titleholder during some second round maneuvering. Clay's left is about to find its target as it did so often during the evening.



Here is Mildenberger rising from the tenth round knockdown as Cassius appears anxious to close in. Surprisingly, the challenger gave as good as he received upon resuming the fisticuffing.



Clay leans back to avoid Karl's long right aimed for the champion's midsection. Mildenberger used his right to paw with principally, holding his left in reserve to doing the heavy attacking.

Tommy Farr in fifteen rounds, had to go 13 with Abe Simon, was forced to struggle for 45 minutes against Arturo Godoy and almost lost the title to the 174 pound Billy Conn.

Whatever else Clay did not display against Mildenberger, he did flash his old speed, he did boast perfect condition, and he did win by a knockout. Referee Teddy Waltham, from England, could do nothing but stop the fight before Karl became seriously injured.

Clay came in at 203½ pounds, eleven under his weight for the Chuvalo fight, for which he trained spasmodically, and two pounds over his weight for the Cooper blood letting. Cassius weighed 209½ for London. Mildenberger came in at 194¾.

At this point let me interject a necessary personal remark or two.

Before the fight there was a lot of scurrilous talk, by irresponsible persons, and even by some responsible critics who should have known better, about the possibility that if the fight went the limit of 15 rounds Clay might be robbed of the title.

This was a libel on the referee, judge Felix Ohlert, and made with the force of the dastardly innuendo directed chiefly at Waltham and myself. It was thoroughly nauseating, stinking talk and I hope that those who perpetrated it are ashamed of themselves.

On our lifelong records and reputations Waltham, Ohlert and I deserved none of that trash.

Ohlert saw the fight as 6-3-2, which was at sharp variance with the way Clay himself scored it. He gave himself eleven rounds and insisted that he had not been hurt at any time.

However, I got the impression that the champion was hurt in the eleventh, when Karl landed hard on the solar plexus.

Clay came out of it unmarked outwardly, but doubtless not without some hurt inwardly.

The fight was Muhammad's last as a ward of the Louisville Syndicate. His contract with that group expired on October 1, leaving him associated only with the Black Muslims.

After Muhammad's encounter with London his connection announced that Herbert Muhammad, son of Elijah, the big Black Muslim boss in Chicago, would be Clay's manager.

However, the Dundee brothers, Chris and Angie, were retained to do the actual matchmaking, with Angie continuing as trainer, and No. 1 advisor in the corner.

Just where Clay stands with regard to his Army service has yet to be determined.

There are strong indications that Washington regards Cassius' relationship to Selective Service as too hot a potato to toss around in public.

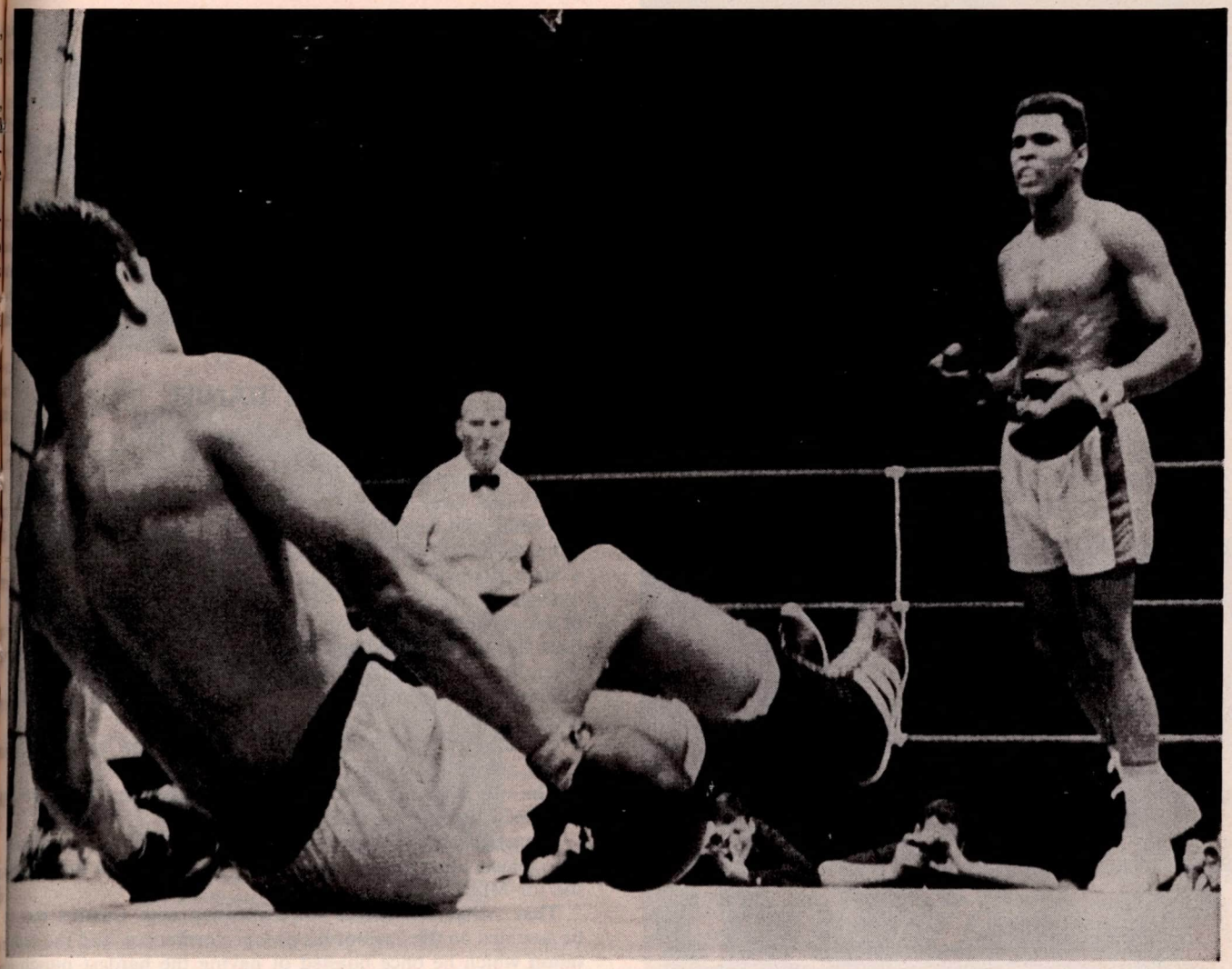
After pleading for exemption as a Conscientious Objector the champion, with a new lawyer, came up with the claim that he was free from service because he had become an ordained minister in the Moslem religion.

Washington is likely to kick this around ad lib. From Hugh Benbow, who is promoting the Clay-Williams fight in Houston, came the word, before I left for Germany, that he expected no adverse reaction to the champion's appearance in Texas.

Harry Markson, director of boxing in Madison Square Garden, New York, did not come here for the Mildenberger fight, but Teddy Brenner, his matchmaker, made the flight and had a conference with the Dundees and Clay.

Now that Terrell has obtained a license to fight in New York, the Garden is interested in a battle between him and the champion.

In the meantime, Jarvis Astaire, the London department store tycoon and his partner are congratulating themselves on the success of their promotion here. The house came to approximately $700,000, with Clay picking up a tidy $300,000. These figures are in sharp contrast with the Clay-London data. That fight produced a deficit. Not that it deserved anything better. But it was not one of Jack Solomons' inspired moves and he was the first to admit it. He was fooled by the response to the Clay-Cooper match.



Mildenberger goes down for the first time, in the fifth round. It was seemingly a combination of Karl being off-balance and a blow by the champion. Many were surprised when Referee Waltham ruled it a knockdown.

Where did that fight here leave Mildenberger? He was beaten unmercifully, his right eye closed up, his left about to suffer a similar indignity.

In the sixth round Max Schmeling came by and whispered, "Karl is getting a terrible beating."

Joe Louis said, "Mildenberger is so wide open to a straight right it's terrible."

Karl learned that he emphatically is not a world title contender, and is not likely to be one. He is 28.

Whom can he now encounter with important financial profit, and a chance to refurbish his badly dented European prestige?

They say that he is considering quitting the ring and managing a big motel on the road to Berlin.

What happened to Mildenberger? Well, just about everything except the attachment of the stigma of a fighter who failed to go on when he could have done so.

Karl gave everything he had, and then some. He gave a demonstration of courage which will write his name big in the German Boxing Hall of Fame. But he is not a Schmeling. He was thrashed by a champion who, said Max, would have been no problem for Joe Louis.

Milde was decked by a terrific right just at the close of the fifth round. In the eighth, a combination of a short right and a left hook unbalanced Karl, and Clay shoved and punched him down.

The tenth round saw Milde catapulted, apparently out, by a right cross to the jaw. The German had been beaten unmercifully in this round and it is conceivable it would have been the finale but for the fact that as Waltham went into the mandatory eight count the round came to a close.

Karl got the champion sore in the fourth round, being especially effective with a couple of hard ones to the liver. The challenger drove the champion across the ring and his cohorts went daffy.

But Clay unleashed a series of rights and lefts which stopped Karl dead. Blood began to ooze from a cut under his right eye.

At this point Milde slipped and as he arose he ran smack into a fresh barrage which cut his left eye.

In the sixth round it was all Clay, with Mildenberger almost blinded. It had been expected that the 10 to 1 underdog would not last into the seventh. Maybe this was the finale.

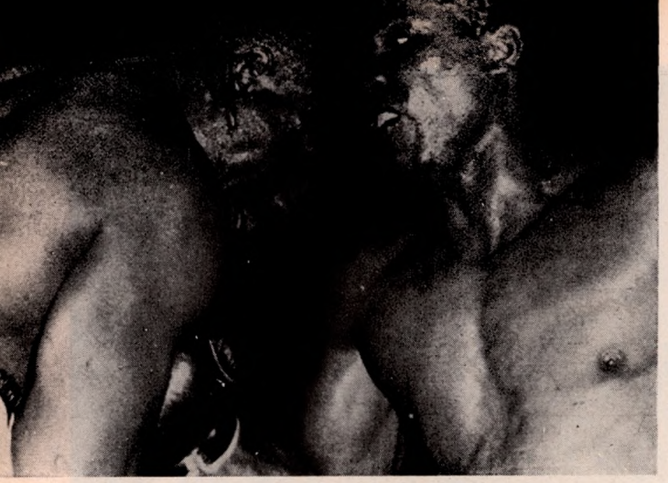
But the Teuton was game. Not so game that he could stop the champion's furious onslaughts in the eighth round.

Much to Clay's surprise, Karl rallied in the ninth. Clay swarmed all over him in the tenth. The eleventh found Clay jabbing and manoeuvering, with not enough punch to stop it, while Karl had absolutely nothing left.

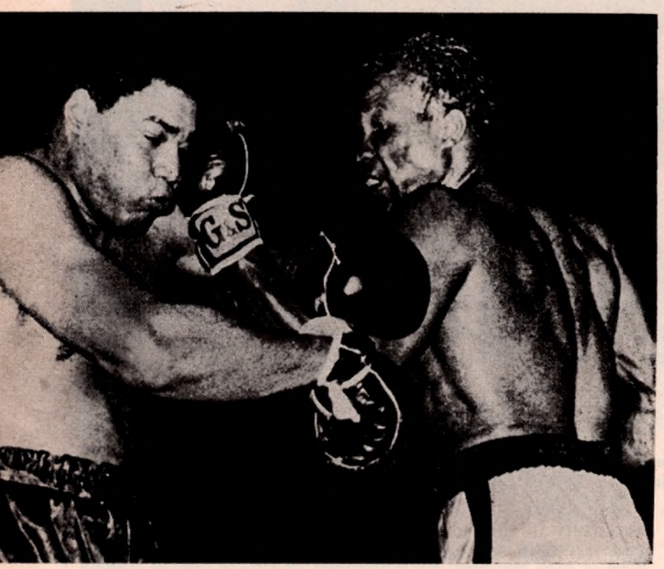
In the twelfth round Clay backed Milde against the ropes, and beat him to a point at which the challenger was out on his feet, unable to defend himself and in danger of suffering serious injury. Waltham then gave the cease fire.

The time of the finish was 1:30.

Felix Ohlert and I discovered that, as judges, we had nothing to do.



The picture above and the one below both depict points of battle which led to Williams successes in his 1966 comeback. The top shot shows Cleveland, (left), in the process of making more points than Sonny Moore in 30 minutes. The daguerreotype below shows Williams, on right, trouncing Mel Turnbow after Cleve had been decked.



BENBOW SEES WILLIAMS POWER AGAIN PUNCHER

By DAN DANIEL

NEXT on the list of opponents for Cassius Clay is the 33-year-old Cleveland Williams, who holds a KO decision over Ernie Terrell. Cleve has been pronounced medically and surgically to be in a state of complete recovery from the nearly deadly internal disturbances he suffered from a State Highway Cop's .45 in November 1965.

Once managed by Lou Viscusi and now under the guidance of Hugh Benbow, Williams has made an encouraging comeback this year. He had had a hiatus from September 30, 1964, when he beat Billy Daniels in a ten rounder in Houston until February 8, 1966, when he knocked out Ben Black in the first round.

On March 22, 1966, Cleve beat Mel Turnbow and on April 18 he outpointed Sonny Moore.

The old Williams punch reappeared on June 28, when he knocked out Tod Herring in three heats.

It must be admitted that on the basis of those four comeback engagements this year Cleve does not stand out as a formidable foe for Muhammad Ali.

That Williams qualifies for a meeting with Cassius has to be assumed on the basis of his past performances, and the reputation which he once boasted of having the hardest punch in the business.

Years ago Williams had to contend with the charge that he was not the gamest fighter in the world. But this baseless accusation has worn extremely thin.

The world championship stake should bring out the fact that he is game.

That he is as formidable as he looked before the cop shot him up may be regarded, to some degree, as doubtful. But

Williams has been knocked out thrice in his career, twice by Sonny Liston and once by Bob Satterfield. The photograph to the right shows Cleve completely out in the third round of his meeting with Satterfield at Miami Beach on June 22, 1954. Cleve did not enter a ring again until August 6, 1956, when he stopped John Hollins in three rounds with consummate ease.

Williams owes everything to Hugh Benbow, his millionaire manager, who is all smiles as he plans to pack the Houston Astrodome Stadium for the Cleveland-Clay fight.

A recent shot of snaggle tooth Cleveland Williams, taken while he was tossing around 75 pound bales of hay on the Benbow ranch at Yoakum, Tex. Hugh says that his man already is in splendid condition.

Benbow insists, *"This guy of mine can punch, and he will not be another Liston.*

"I want to put a fight with Clay into the Astrodome, where you may be sure it would draw a packed house. Houston would not pay 50 cents to see Terrell again, after that ghastly showing with Doug Jones. But Houston has confidence in Williams. The fans raised the roof when, on the Terrell-Jones undercard, he knocked out Herring, and looked great doing it.

"I have been nursing Williams along this year. I was offered Doug Jones after he had been whipped by Terrell, but Cleve would make hash of that guy and I wouldn't give him a dozen dimes to show in Houston.

"To think there was a time when I offered the Jones connection $50,000. Must have been daffy. That they definitely were nuts turning it down now stands out beyond all doubt."

Benbow said that after various romantic misadventures Williams had settled down to serious married life. Last year he married Irene, daughter of a preacher, and proceeded to cast away the old careless life.

While he was recovering from the shooting a cop found a gun in Cleve's car. But Benbow was able to prove that somebody had framed his fighter. It appears that local ramifications grew out of the shooting by the road cop.

"Williams is working hard, both on my farm and in the gym," Benbow continued. *"I am building a gym which will cost $40,000. It will be dedicated in celebration of Cleve's acquisition of the world championship.*

"You will recollect that for some time after Williams had been all but destroyed by that hand gunning I was ready to give up on him. I did not believe that he would be able to get over the bullet's grazing of a kidney. Doctors gave me no encouragement.

"But Cleveland Williams, heavyweight contender, is a game and determined guy. He picked up weight and strength gradually. He began to punch hard again, and I experienced the old difficulty of finding sparring partners for him.

"Williams is a quiet, diffident man who would carry the world championship with greater dignity than it has been carried by Clay. Cassius first talked too much, and now tells us he is a Moslem preacher and cannot bear to go into the Army.

"Cleve follows orders. He does as I say, I take care of his financial affairs and he never questions me about them. He lives in a little frame house at 300 Aubrey Street in Yoakum. He is up daily before five and goes out on the road.

"After breakfast he reports at the ranch and later it's over to the gym. He has been instructing Ellis McKinley, one of the thousand kids who answered my ads for heavyweights. Ellis is from Oklahoma City.

"Williams has had 71 fights, of which he won 51 by knockouts. He has been stopped three times, twice by Sonny Liston, and once by Bob Satterfield all the way back in 1954. The Liston fights were in 1959 and 1960.

"Williams lost a ten round decision to Terrell when Cleve had no right to be fighting. He had an injured finger, but figured he could beat Ernie even with that handicap. Terrell wasn't quite that bad."

Hugh Benbow, age 62, the man behind Williams and his planned Astrodome promotion,

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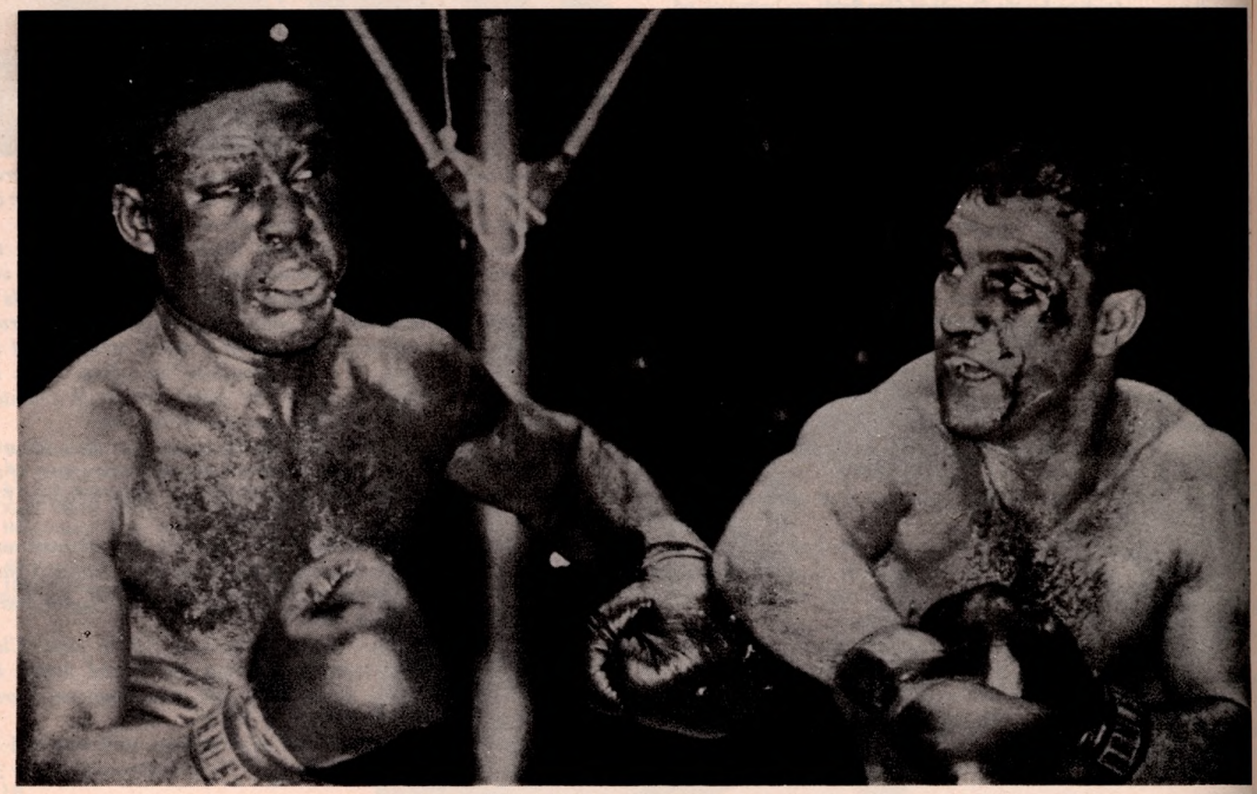
How About Those Cut Eye TKOs?

DOC MOORE OFFERS BOXING SKILLS AS PREVENTIVES FOR PREVALENCE OF FIGHTS STOPPED BY GORY FACES

(Above) These were Henry Cooper's gory features when his first meeting with Cassius Clay in London in 1963 was halted in fifth round by Referee Tommy Little. In the previous round Cooper had floored Clay shortly before the bell sounded, saving the future world heavyweight champion from a knockout. (Below) Challenger and former champion Ezzard Charles (left) is staggered by Rocky Marciano during the first of their two heavyweight title bouts in New York in 1954. Although he won decision, Marciano's face offers ample evidence of the punishment.



By JERSEY JONES

SO MANY important fights being abbreviated these days, because of facial manglings—Henry Cooper's defacement by Cassius Clay the most recent—recalled an interview with the veteran Jack (Doc) Moore.

"How," we asked Moore, "would you explain so many bouts being stopped because of gashed eyebrows and other facial damages?"

The "good doctor," as Jack was affectionately called in the trade, hitting around the 80-year mark, has spent a lifetime in this business, as manager, trainer and matchmaker. If there's anything about the industry he doesn't know, it's hardly worth knowing.

"Boxing's changed," he said. "A fighter nowadays isn't content to use only his fists. He operates on a triple-threat basis—two hands and a head. Billygoating has become as much a part of his tactics as a left jab and a right cross. Most of the busted eyebrows happen not from punches but from butts."

"In that case," we suggested, "perhaps gloves should come in sets of three—two for the hands and one for the head."

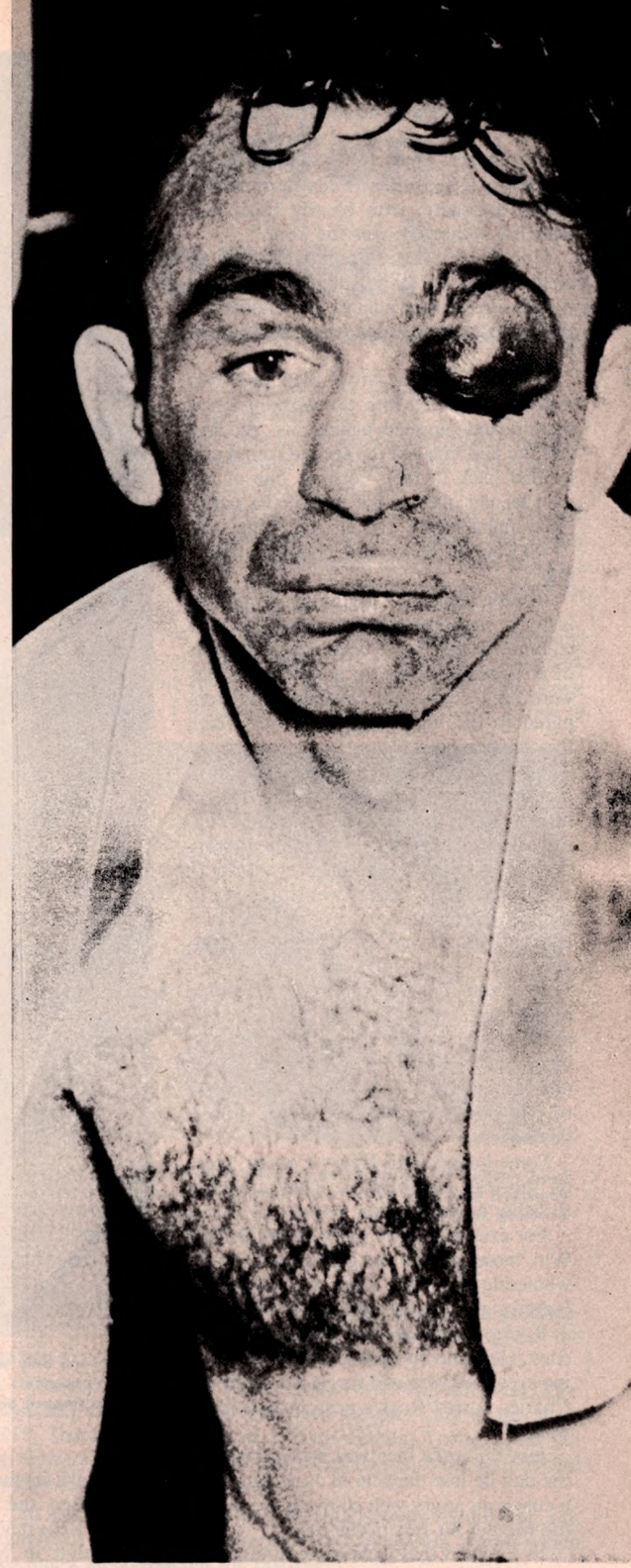
"Why not?" Jack agreed. "Another reason fighters cut so easily now is because their skins are too tender. They use headguards in training, and don't give themselves a chance to toughen up properly. In fact, they make their soft skins even softer by having vaseline plastered all over their faces, both in training and in actual fights."

What did Moore think of boxing, as plied today, compared to the skilled brand offered when Packey McFarland, Mike Gibbons, Jack Britton, Johnny Kilbane, Benny Leonard and Pete Herman were around?

"There's no comparison," Jack answered. "It isn't boxing anymore. Just wild swinging and roughhouse mauling. Boxing, as an art and a science, has passed out. Fighters are in too much of a hurry now, and cannot take time to learn their trade.

"The fans and so-called experts have a cockeyed idea of what boxing is. They raved about Willie Pep's performance in his second bout with Sandy Saddler, calling it an amazing exhibition of boxing. By modern standards it was, yet Willie came out of the ring looking as though he'd been put through a threshing machine. He was one of the most banged-up winners I've ever seen. His face was cut, bruised and swollen.

"I can recall many a fight in which Benny Leonard didn't have his hair mussed. He knew what boxing really was. Packey



A "ne plus ultra" shiner and swollen lips attest to the punishment Carmen Basilio had taken from Ray Robinson in their Chicago meeting in '58, when Sugar Ray regained the world middleweight title he had lost to Basilio in New York the previous year.

McFarland was so fast and clever that when Kid Burns actually hung a shiner on his eye, it became an international sensation.

"Nowadays, the fans think they're cheated if a fight doesn't develop into an Indian massacre, with bloody faces and mangled bodies all over the joint."

Moore's observation reminded us of an incident during Ray Robinson's welterweight title defense against Kid Gavilan in Philadelphia's vast Municipal Stadium in 1949.

A party of four—two men and two women—crowded into the working press section and jammed against us. As Ray and the Kid finished the second round and hustled back to their corners, one of the men leaned over to the rest of the party. "The fight hasn't started yet," he said. "Two rounds gone, and nobody's bleeding."

Almost since the beginning of boxing history, slashed eyebrows, torn lips and cauliflower ears have been accepted parts of a rugged business. In the old days they were only occasional developments compared to the high frequency with which they happen now.

Your current referee says, "We third men in the ring and the ringside doctors have to be far more careful than our counterparts were years ago. Commission authorities gaze with jaundiced eye on gory spectacles. They do not want the eyes of a boxer jeopardized by cuts and the punishment which a cut eye presents as a target.

"Cut eye fights of the long ago would be stopped today. The big idea in boxing is not to see a fighter maimed as it is to bring out his boxing skill. And, please, do not derogate that skill. It's an unfair pose to talk down the abilities of our present day boxers."

Some boxers, like Henry Cooper, bleed on the least provocation. They are close to being hemophilliacs.

For example, there was Carmen Basilio. Win, loose or draw, he gave plasma by the wholesale and his face was a craggy, jagged sight at all times.

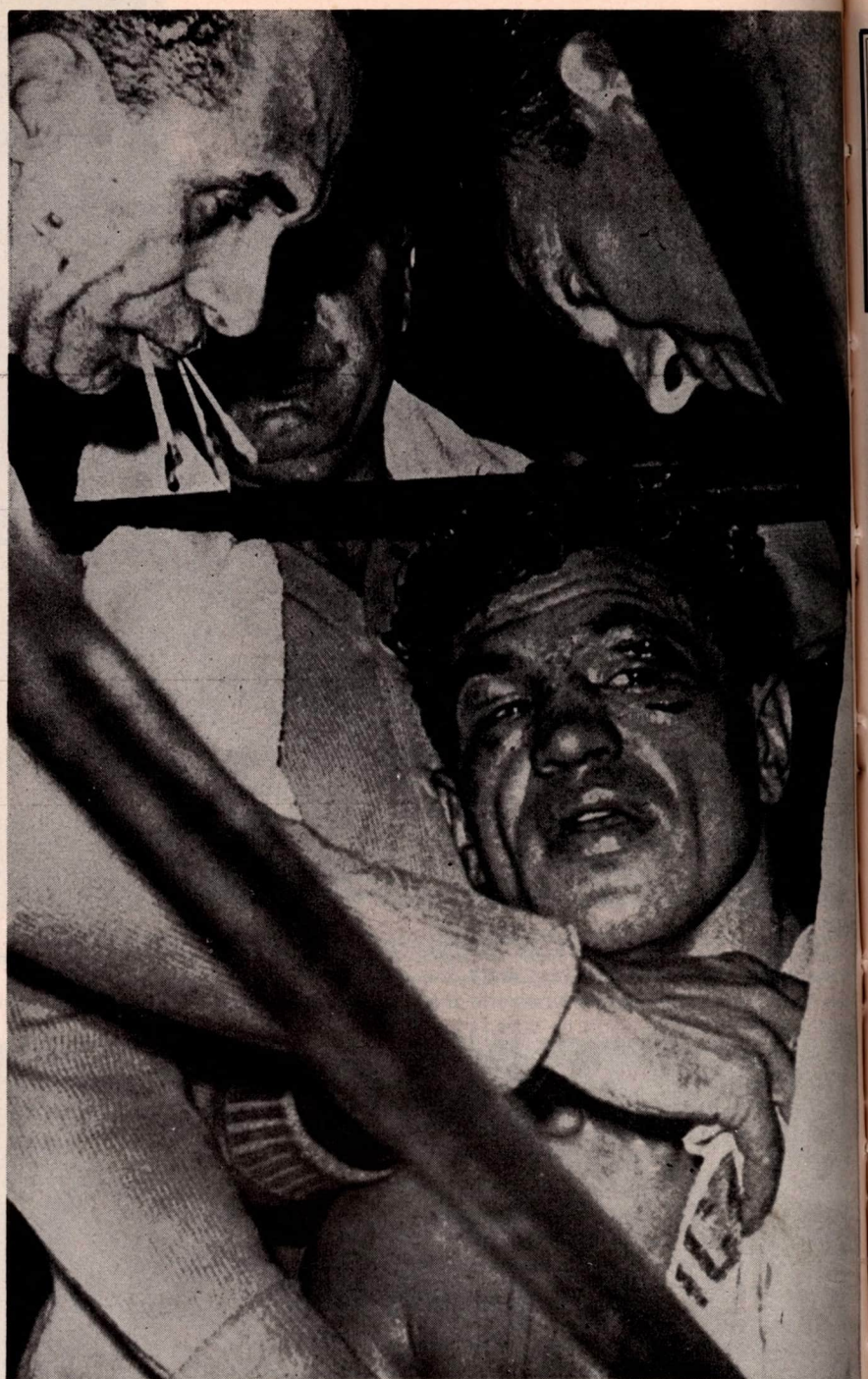
Rocky Marciano had a bleeding tendency. He came up with some terrible looking eyes, and who will forget the night Ezz Charles busted Rock's nose in half like a walnut?

Jess Willard's face was horrible picture the day he lost the title to Jack Dempsey, a cut or an angry welt showing every time the Mauler hit Jess in the face.

In England they give more attention to "T.K.O., Cut Eye" than we do here. Almost half of Johnny Sharpe's results every month feature the eye cut and the butt as stoppers.

In Mexico, stopping a fight because it has become gory is not liked by the customers.

One of the goriest spectacles staged in New York in the last two decades developed when the visiting French middleweight, Robert Villemain, made his American debut in Madison Square Garden, with Steve Belloise as his opponent.



Basilio not only was often on the receiving end, but adept at handing out bruising punishment to his opponents. Here is Art Aragon, California's "Golden Boy," as he looked n his corner after Basilio stopped him in eight rounds in Los Angeles in '58.

Televised boxing was then reaching the peak of its popularity, but was being blamed for rapidly using up boxing's available supply of top talent. The clamor was for "new blood."

The Belloise-Villemain affair supplied the "new blood"—Villemain's. Sharpshooting Belloise made a ghastly shambles of the chunky Frenchman's features. Ugly cuts over both eyes and a gash along his right cheek gushed red corpuscles so profusely they smeared not only the fighters, but Referee Eddie Joseph, the ring canvas and members of the Fourth Estate in the working press pews.

Old-timers had to hark back all the way to the weird White Hope era to recall anything to match that Belloise-Villemain

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Did Ol' Man Cotton Really Beat Torres?

By DAN DANIEL

ONCE again are we confronted with a world championship aftermath in which, despite the official verdict, dissenters shout, "Who won the fight?"

By telephone, telegraph and the mail, boxing fans who saw the fifteen round battle between Jose Torres, light-heavyweight champion of the world, and Eddie Cotton, 40 year old challenger, at Las Vegas, either on television or in the thinly populated arena, entered strong demurrers against the unanimous decision.

Nat Morgan, the referee, saw it 70 to 67. Mike Petrovich, one of the judges, scored the brawl 68 to 67. Ron Amos, the other judge, handed in a 69-67 card.

The combined scores produced 207 points for Torres and 201 for Cotton, on the 5 must system. Note, please, that the three officials gave Cotton 67 points each.

It is evident that if they had turned in a draw verdict, nobody would have been hurt, Torres would have kept his championship, Cotton would have been rewarded for a courageous, skilled and crafty performance, and there would have been no public squawk.

However, draw decisions seldom are arrived at. Referees and judges believe that there must be a winner, even if the issue be as sharply drawn as it was at Las Vegas.

The Ring Magazine, cognizant of the fact that Cotton hit low three times and lost a costly point for one of those blows, and that Torres put on a whirlwind finish after having been held even for fourteen rounds, supports the decision as announced.

Let judges of fights at long range not forget that the depth of a punch cannot be appreciated by viewing it on TV. Many other fistic nuances are lost on the TV screen. And let us not forget this—no matter what the decision in a close fight, it is going to be attacked. Thousands of fight fans are "aginners", non-conformists, habitual demurrers.

"We were robbed," shrieked George Chemeres, Cotton's manager, when he heard the verdict.

However, with those three low blows Cotton robbed himself, and Torres clinched the verdict with that red hot last round.

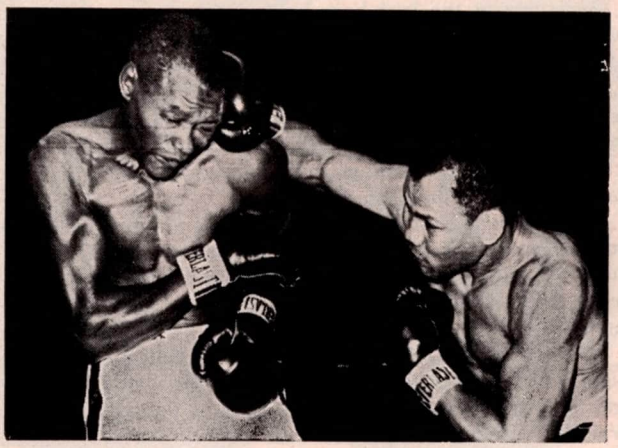
"We wuz robbed" never does boxing any credit.

It will be many a day before Torres stops talking to himself.

Jose's subject of conversation is Torres himself. He simply cannot forget how poorly he comported himself, even though a unanimous winner, in his fifteen round title defense against the veteran Cotton, before a mere 3,000.

"I put up the worst fight of my career," Torres announced in his self-recrimination. "I should have knocked Cotton out. I simply could not get started. However, even with my worst I was the winner. I certainly will have to do better if I hope to get a match with Cassius Clay."

Light heavyweight king Jose Torres is being interviewed after his narrow victory over challenger Eddie Cotton, while the loser has his arms raised in mock triumph by his handlers following the announcement that Torres had captured the 15-round decision.



Here is Torres landing an overhand right to the side of Cotton's head during the early part of the Las Vegas battle. Jose was frequently effective with this maneuver. He admitted after the contest, however, that "it was the worst fight of my career."

Just how serious Torres is about fighting Clay is problematical. Nowhere is there a promoter who is shrieking for the privilege of putting on a Clay-Torres affair.

There are 21 various reasons why Torres will not meet Clay. One has to do with size, reach and weight. Clay comes in at 210, Torres hit the beam at 173 for Cotton. Torres could not give away forty pounds and hope to come out of the sixth round with Muhammad, fistically alive.

In short, Torres should stop kidding himself about being a fit opponent for Clay, and concentrate on opposition against which he might be considered the favorite.

There is, to begin with, a Torres defense against Chic Calderwood, Britain's light-heavyweight king.

The best match, promising the biggest financial return, which confronts Torres is a title defense against former middleweight champion Dick Tiger. This fight would draw, it would mean something, and test Jose to the utmost.

A match with Roger Rouse, No. 2 175-pound contender, also is something which the champion *(Continued on page 49)*

CONTROVERSIAL, COLORFUL MIKE McTIGUE LEFT BEHIND MANY LURID EXPERIENCES

By TED CARROLL

MIKE McTIGUE, who died recently, will be recalled as the Irishman who won a world's championship from an African in 1923 in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. This left handed fame does not do justice to the man from County Clare who commanded respect in the ring with his cunning boxing and dangerous right hand.

A resume of the Irish-born battler's career reveals that in twenty years of boxing, McTigue figured in more than his share of unusual involvements. Born in 1892, Mike emigrated to England at the age of 17 in search of work. He found it as a steel moulder in Cardiff, South Wales. It was while handling molten metal in the foundry for ten hours a day for two years that Mike learned the value of caution and coolheadness which he later put to good use in the ring.

"Being around stuff that could burn off an arm or a leg makes anyone extra careful and I was no exception," McTigue reminisced in later years," It was a tough life for a kid but I had been a blacksmith's helper and that had developed my strength."

Mike saw little future in fooling with boiling metal. One night, watching the Welsh wizards Freddy Welsh and Jem Driscoll fight in the American Skating Rink at Pontypridd Road, Wales, Mike was so impressed with their ring artistry that he decided to try his hand at the ring.

The grass looked greener in the United States for an aspiring pugilist so in 1910 Mike turned up in the Yorkville section of New York looking for work in the small fight clubs around town as a middleweight. The local talent, neighborhood heroes and club fighters who faced him proved setups for the naturally clever immigrant lad with the straight right hand punch and Mike piled up a long string of knockouts.

Going after bigger game in 1916, Mike found such good boxers as Happy Howard, Augie Ratner, Joe Egan, and Jeff Smith —whom he faced in 1917—a lot harder to trick into openings for his good right hand. If hit they didn't topple to the canvas so easily. Mike didn't score a single kayo during 1917 but established himself as a first class middleweight.

Influenced by the clever welterweight champion Jack Britton, McTigue decided to concentrate on his defense, a decision hastened by two encounters with Harry Greb, great middleweight, and a knockout at the hands of rugged Frank Carbone.

McTigue met Greb four times, and never did the Pittsburgh wonder have an easy task with Mike. "The secret of fighting Greb," Mike once said, "was in blocking, and punching to his body. You couldn't do any good trying to punch with him and he was so fast he was hard to hit about the head."

The second raters still tumbled when tagged by Mike's right hand but the better boxers weren't so co-operative, notably Jeff Smith, who handed Mike a sound trouncing in Halifax in 1920.

During his early career Mike had been the stereotype of the happy-go-lucky Irish lad with a roving eye and in fun loving appetite. He was always a pleasant mannered, amiable chap. His lack of seriousness led him through a succession of managers, the best known of them being Frank 'Doc' Bagley a college man who gave up on Mike with the pronouncement that "McTigue should have stayed in Ireland. He's a leprechaun, not a fighter, at heart."

In 1921 McTigue bowled over a string of nondescripts and then fought a bout which changed his entire outlook. Panama Joe Gans, a heavy welterweight managed by Leo P. Flynn was one of the most feared fighters in the ring. Flynn was forced to match him with light heavyweights and heavyweights to keep him working. When McTigue agreed to face him there was general astonishment among fight people.

McTigue not only fought Gans, but received the newspaper decision over the Panamanian in Jersey City on Sept. 5, 1921. McTigue always called this fight the turning point of his career.

"I took the Gans fight because I needed money badly. I wasn't too confident I could beat him," he afterwards admitted." He was the best all-around fighter I ever fought. Loughran was the smartest, Siki the strongest, and Berlenbach could punch, but Gans could do everything."

Spurred on by a new attitude McTigue detoured pleasures, primrose path, and really got down to business. He signed to meet his erstwhile conqueror Jeff Smith in old Madison Square Garden late in 1921.

The case of Jeff Smith was one of the strangest in boxing history. Invincible elsewhere the "Bayonne Globetrotter" seemed mesmerized whenever he stepped into a New York ring. Mindful of the Halifax disaster, McTigue was extra careful in his second meeting with Smith. Jeff himself fought as though in a coma throughout the 15 rounds. The result is still recalled by graybeards as the dullest affair ever seen in the old Garden.

The following year Mike met Loughran in the first of a series of matches with the Philadelphian. Late in 1922 McTigue took off for England for a combined vacation and boxing campaign. A quartet of Englishmen proved easy knockout victims and the stage was set for the memorable match with Battling Siki.

Siki will be known forevermore as the "Singular Senegalese" for consenting to risk his world's lightheavyweight title against an Irishman in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day.

McTigue's version of the never-to-be-forgotten contest which took place on March 17, 1923, is anything but the common conception of it. Mike admits "that the world burst out laughing" over Siki's chances when it first heard the news of the pending match.

Upon his arrival in Ireland, the Senegalese was entertained lavishly and plied with champagne and brandy which, according to McTigue, he "drank like milk."

Mike insisted, "I was in a tougher spot than Siki. This was still a time of trouble in Ireland, with the Free Staters and the Republicans at odds with each other. Both parties agreed on one thing, that it wouldn't do for a County Clare man to be beaten in Ireland by an African and that if I lost things would be mighty unhealthy for Michael Francis McTigue."

Before 6,000 in Dublin's La Scala Theatre with bayonetted Free State troopers acting as ushers before an elite tuxedoed turnout which paid up to $50 for ringside seats, McTigue won a 15 round decision and the world lightheavyweight championship. The news was greeted with derisive "what did you expect?" comments, particularly in America.

Said McTigue, "I never met a fighter of Siki's strength and gameness but I outboxed him easily and would have won even in the United States. Eugene Corri was originally to be the referee but at the last moment Siki refused to box unless his own press agent, a fellow named Jack Smith, an Englishman, did the refereeing. He collected $30,000 for the fight, while I got $5,000."

The circumstances and location of the fight brought ridicule, rather than respect, to McTigue while he held the championship. Americans of Irish extraction, such as writers Tad Dorgan and W. O. McGeehan, were among the loudest in laughing away McTigue title status.

"Siki," wrote Tad, "became the world champion optimist when he took the McTigue fight."

The American public never did take McTigue seriously as champion, because of criticism such as this.

McTigue did not help his own case when, now under the management of shrewd Joe Jacobs, he showed an annoying reluctance to risk his crown against anyone of a number of formidable contenders, among whom was Gene Tunney, newly crowned "American lightheavyweight champion."

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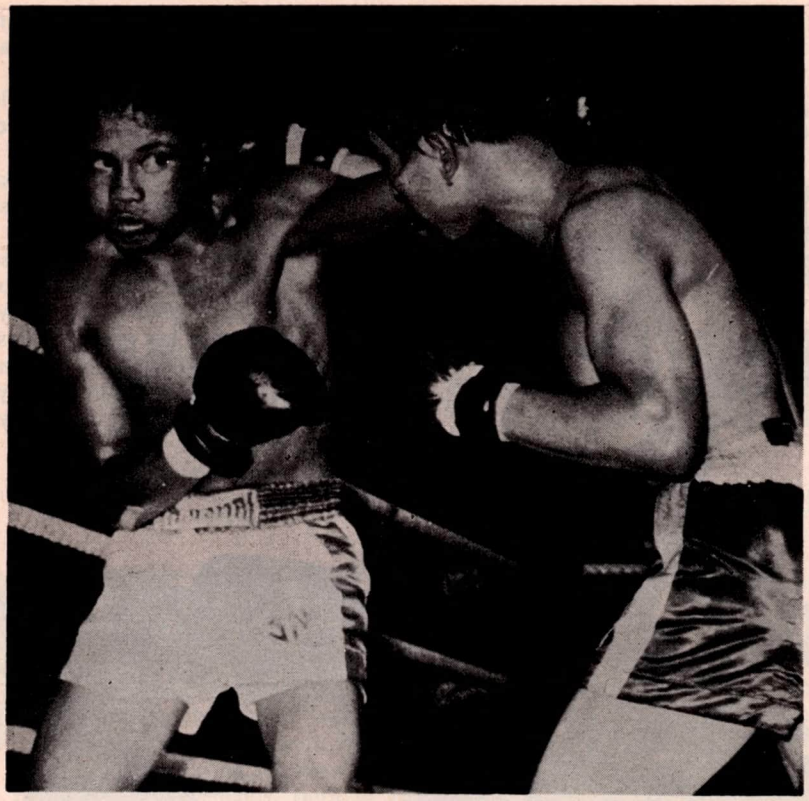
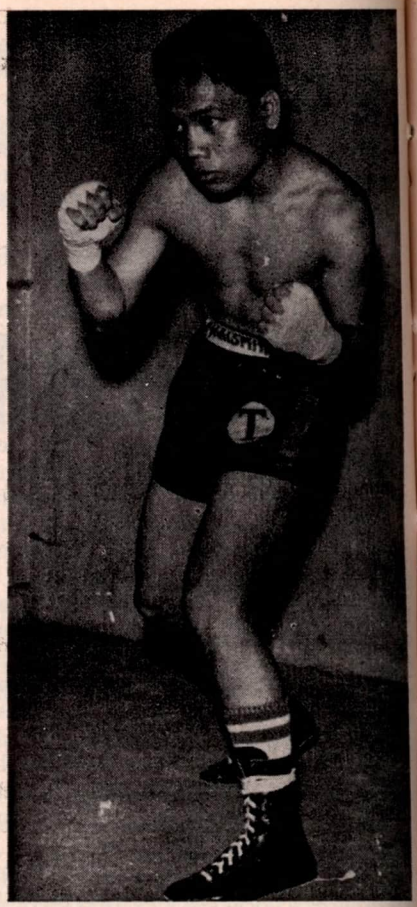




Above, in a bout at Rajdamnern Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand, Surdinoi S. Kosump (left) scored a technical knockout over Vityanoi Singh-Yodfa in the eighth round of a non-title encounter. Singh-Yodfa is the Thai flyweight king. At right, in fighting pose is Thongchai Supasamuth, a world-ranked flyweight contender from Thailand.

ORIENT BANTAMS, FLYWEIGHTS CREAM OF CURRENT WORLD CROP

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN—Boxing in the Orient has made remarkable progress in the last year, particularly in Thailand and Korea. Although the Far West has furnished many excellent boxers in the three lowest divisions, most of them have come from Japan and the Philippines.

Since the early part of last year, the Thais and Koreans have cut deeply into Oriental boxing returns.

Far East now boasts of the best talent in the flyweight and bantam classes.

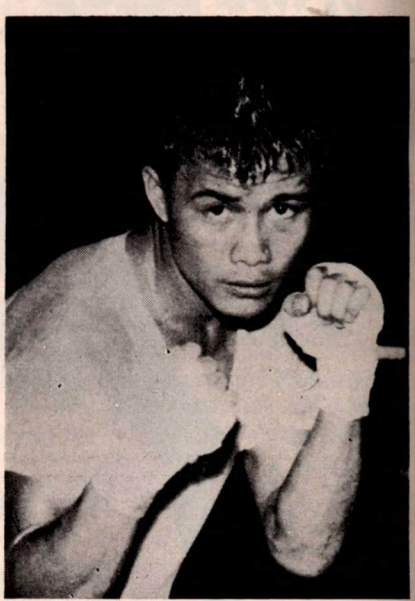
The first of the Asiatics to win a world title were the Philippines. The Japanese and Thailanders followed. Now Korea has won its first world crown. Ki Soo Kim gained a split decision over Nino Benvenuti in 15 rounds to win the junior middleweight championship.

It wasn't so long ago when the United States ruled the roost in international boxing, but today, the Asiatic countries and Mexico are the pacemakers in the lower divisions.

Under the guidance of the Thai Commission, of which Lieut Gen. Pichai Kullavanija is chairman, boxing has rallied in Thailand, where the government takes a deep interest in the development of the sport. Puntip Keosuriya, Thai flyweight ranked fifth in world ratings, is a popular boy as is a leading Thai contender, Thongchai Supasamuth.

Chartchai Laemfapha, who fights under the name of Chartchai Choinoi, has engaged in a number of international contests. His best victory was his 10 round triumph over Salvatore Burruni in the Lumppini Stadium Chartchai got the unanimous decision.

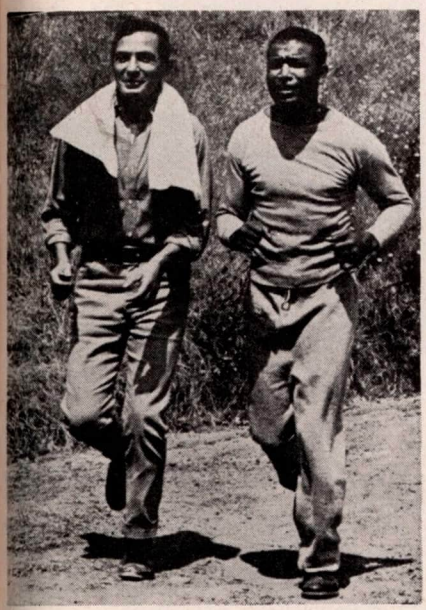
Still another popular boy who is regarded as a good prospect is Surdinoi S. Kosump, who recently in Rajdamnern Stadium, stopped Vityanoi *(Continued on page 49)*



Here is determined-looking Puntip Keosuriya, Thailand's highest rated boxer in the 112-pound division.

SUGAR RAY FACES CAMERA WITH FEELING OF ELATION

Robinson pontificates a bit on his future plans, which does not include any more activity inside the squared circle.



Sugar Ray Robinson does some roadwork with actor Ben Gazzara. Robinson did a guest-star bit in a segment of TV's "Run For Your Life" series which stars Gazzara.

By NAT LOUBET

RETIRED from boxing at age 45, with a claim of $500,000 against Internal Revenue for a refund, Sugar Ray Robinson has taken to the screen.

Ray currently is employed in a segment of "Run For Your Life," in which Ben Gazzara is the star. From Hollywood he will fly to Spain to work in a movie labelled "Egghead on Hill Three," and still later he will act in a Western called "Chuka."

Director Leo Penn and Gazzara have been loud in their praises of Robinson's acting in the "Run For Your Life" segment. Supporting actors say, "The guy is good. He is natural."

Robinson says he loves the work. "I always have been a ham," he adds, "I did a lot of work in front of cameras as a fighter, but we had no script. You tried to get the other guy before he got you. As simple as that.

"Now it is different. You get a chance to act. I am not trying to be an actor. I am trying to convey the idea Director Penn has in mind.

"I seem to do well with my job. John Huston once said, 'Ray, you are a startling exception. You hand a script to a professional athlete and the best he can do with it is to read the lines. You give the lines meaning.'

"It gives me a big lift when I hear the director and the rest of the cast tell me that I have given something to the picture. "I work at being good."

When Robinson was asked what he had done with the millions he had made in the ring he replied, "Well, that's an interesting question. I earned between three and four million. The government lost a half million suit against me and owes me the refund. Why Internal Revenue kicks this claim around I don't know."

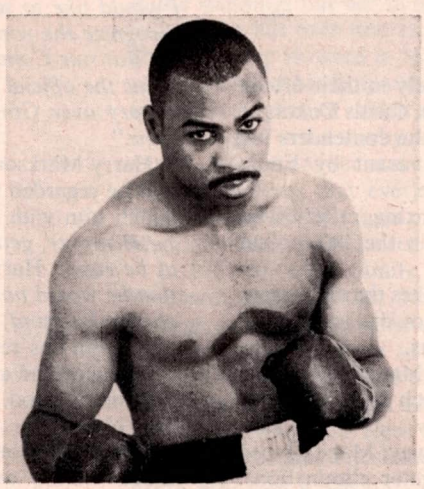
CALIFORNIA BACKS SHIPES' WELTER TITLE CLAIMS

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. — The boxing authority of the state of California has lined up in support of the welterweight championship claims of Charlie Shipes of Oakland.

Shipes is the state champion in his division. But, outside of California he has gained comparatively little fame, and this, it appears, not through any of his own shortcomings. The good ones will not fight Shipes.

Charlie has received encouragement from the New York Commission. He has been encouraged by the California Commission, the chairman of which, Doug Hayden, says it recognizes him as a welter title elimination contender.

Shipes also has the backing of the powerful Society for California Boxing,



CHARLIE SHIPES

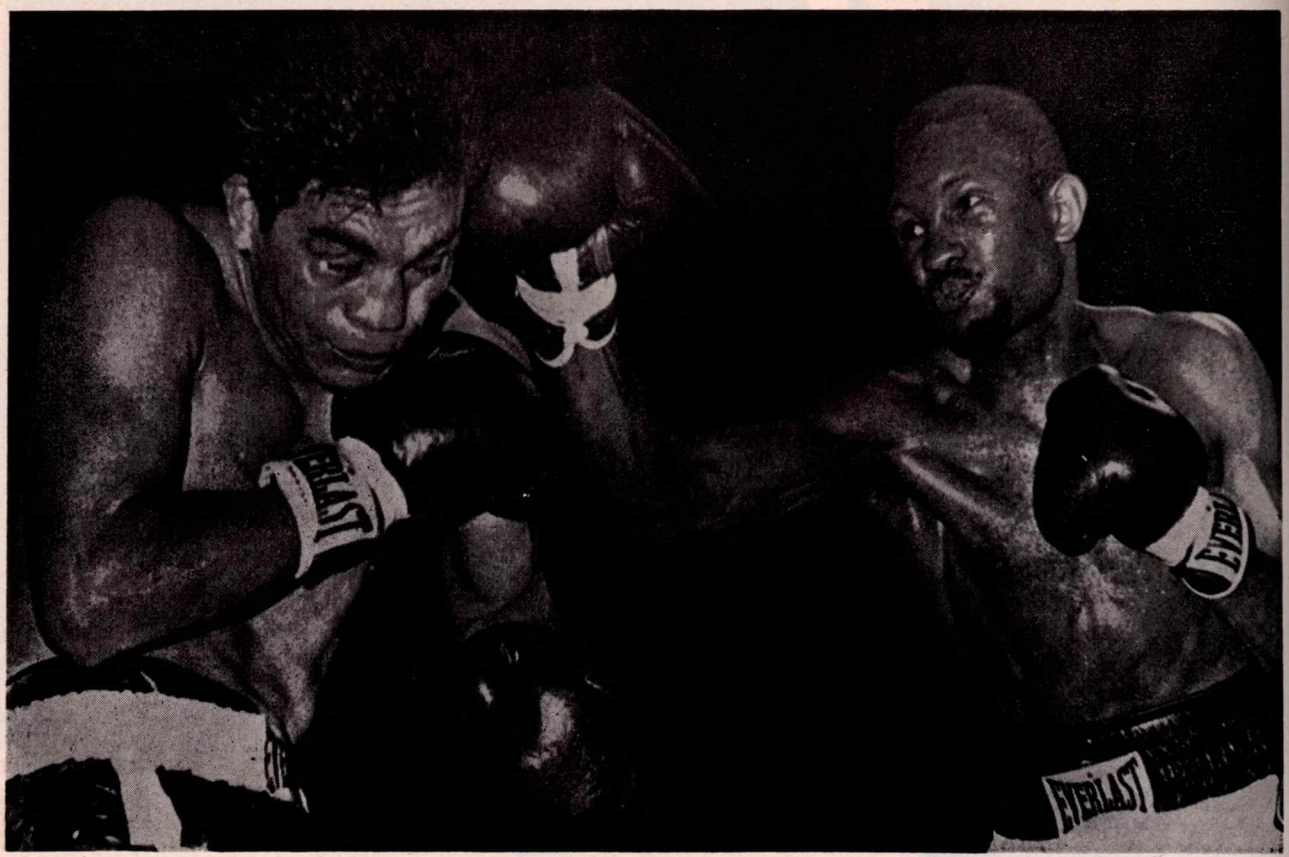
headed by Frank Carter Curreri.

Shipes admits that the calibre of his 1966 opposition has not been impressive but he pleads inability to induce good welters, here and in the East, to tangle with him.

His 1966 record reads this way; Al Andrews, decision in 12 rounds; Henry Aldridge, KO in 11; Mauro Gavan, decision in 10.

Three in a row over such opposition is not calculated to throw Shipes into the welter elimination which must follow Emile Griffith's acquisition and defense of the middleweight championship.

Charlie has been a loser only once, in 1963, Mel Ferguson having scored a TKO in seven. Charlie figured in a technical draw, one round, with Oscar Ortegon.



Curtis Cokes of Dallas, Texas, hammered his win into top contendership for the vacant welterweight title by his convincing fifteen round decision over Manuel Gonzalez of Houston in their bout held at New Orleans, La.

N.Y. COMMISSION NOT READY TO RECOGNIZE COKES

By DAN DANIEL

BY BEATING Manuel Gonzalez decisively in their fifteen round elimination fight in New Orleans, Curtis Cokes, of Dallas, retained his leadership among the contenders for the world welterweight championship left vacant by Emile Griffith's acquisition of the middleweight title.

Contrary to the assumption of many boxing critics who should have known better, Cokes did not win the 147 pound world championship.

The World Boxing Association may call Cokes the champion, but dictums and beliefs of that body have not drawn popular responses, respect and support in recent years.

In beating Gonzalez, Cokes eliminated Manny from the international tournament for the laurels which had been held with great class and credit by Griffith.

When the Cokes-Gonzalez fight got under way, Manny faced the chance to replace Curtis in the four-fighter eliminations. Now Gonzalez definitely is out of it and Cokes, Jean Josselin, of France, Ted Whitfield, Amherst, Mass., and Brian Curvis, of Wales, the British champion, or Willie Ludick of South Africa appear to be in the tournament.

The Cokes-Gonzalez situation did not open the door to Curtis and manager Doug Lord to set up their own two man elimination.

The title debate may be closed with a Cokes vs. Curvis fight in Dallas soon.

However, beating a non-contender who had done so miserably against Griffith hardly made Cokes the welter king.

Eddie Dooley, chairman of the New York Commission, told The Ring that his organization could not recognize Cokes as the champion.

"I believe that Europe should have some say in this matter. I would like to see Josselin fight Cokes. I would be willing to recognize the winner as the champion," Dooley said.

"But our Commission is not going to let Cokes set himself up as the official leader of the class merely on the basis of the victory over Gonzalez, whom nobody figured in the eliminations."

Harry Markson, boxing director of Madison Square Garden, said he regarded Cokes as the best welter and would be glad to match him with Josselin.

"However, getting Josselin to fight in New York is not going to be easy," Harry continued. *"The Frenchman has indicated that he would not come here. If The Ring can persuade him to change his mind, the match is open to him."*

Josselin has resisted efforts to match him in New York and yet he accepted a fight in South Africa, which, as it turned out, did him no good. He took on Willie Ludick, and the Africander beat him.

Josselin had established himself as the top contender with a KO victory over Brian Curvis. Now Curvis faces the big chance to rehabilitate himself, the chance to win the title, by beating Cokes.

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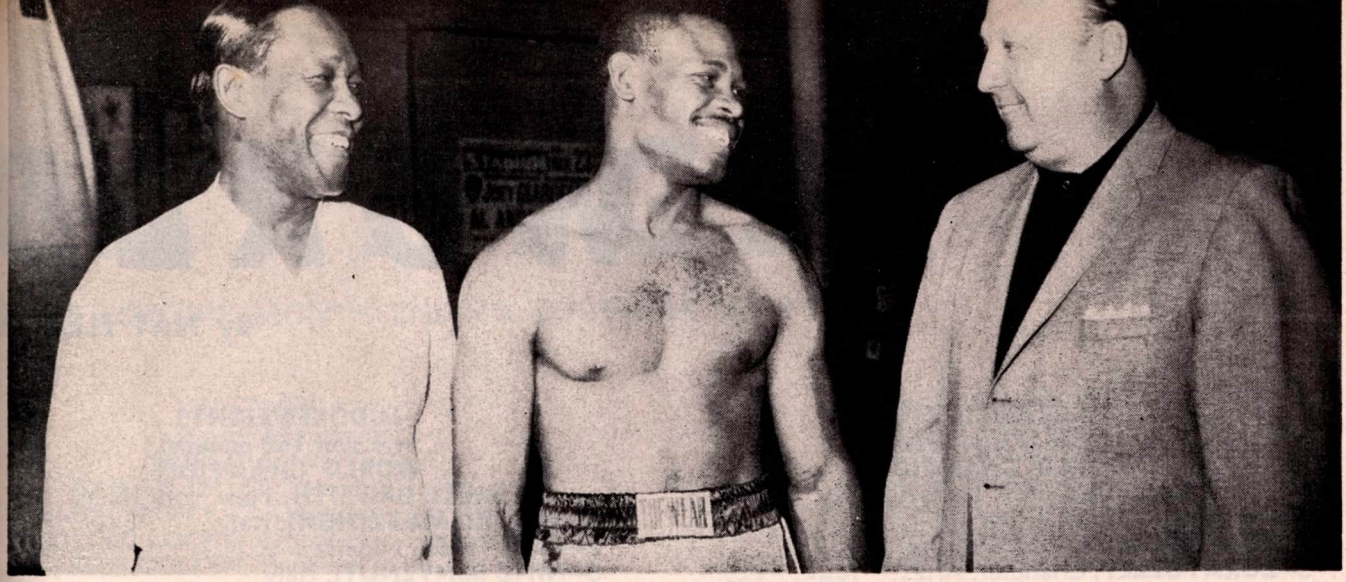
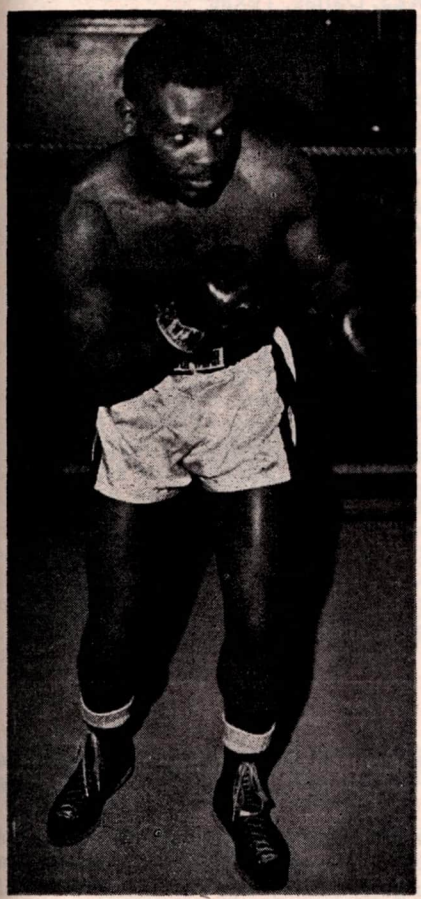


A very happy trio consists of (left to right) trainer Kid Carson, middleweight Freddie Little and his retiring manager Joe Kiernan. Little is probably the hardest hitter in the 160-pound ranks today, thus many of the top-rankers don't want to take him on

SCHOOLTEACHER LITTLE KNOCKS ON CHAMPION GRIFFITH'S DOOR



Freddie Little is a schoolteacher as well as a boxer. He attended Dillard U. in New Orleans. His wife is also a teacher. Although a pro since 1957, Freddie took a 4-year hiatus, returning in 1965. Now he says, "Come on, Emile!"

By BERNIE KATZ

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—If Emile Griffith, now exclusively a middleweight and king of the class, wants action he can find it out here. Freddie Little, school teacher and boxer, is waiting for him.

Little would give Emile a very interesting evening at 160 pounds. Beat Griffith? Quien sabe? Stranger things have happened.

Dick Tiger, who fights so seldom, turned a deaf ear and a blind eye to Little.

Griffith, who is more of a campaigner, may be more disposed to let Little have his opportunity.

The only way to make a comparison to Little would be by barking back to the 40's in the middleweight division, and remembering Tony Zale, Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta, Ray Robinson, and Marcel Cerdan.

Hardest hitter in the middleweight division today, Little has been handicapped by one factor, lack of opponents. The highly rated fighters in this division will not jeopardize their ratings by taking him on, and Griffith cannot skip over the ten other fighters who are ranked higher than Little in the standings but not in skills.

Patience has been one of Freddie's most admirable attributes. After his K.O. of Larry Howard in May of 1961, Little hung up his gloves, although at that point in his fistic career his record stood at twenty four wins out of twenty five fights, of which eighteen were achieved via the K.O. route.

One might wonder why a boxer would put an end to such a successful career, but the answer was simple. Who would fight him?

Little believes that everything can be accomplished through patience. This was not his first taste of being compelled to put a temporary halt to a seemingly successful career.

In 1953 the Little family, in Mississippi, suffered its greatest setback by the death of their father. Freddie, senior child of the family, dropped out of high school to work in a mill. The family consisted of mother, three younger brothers, and a sister.

Little not only returned to high school in 1957, but went on to be graduated and continued his education with four highly successful years at Dillard University in New Orleans. From there he began his career as a school teacher and a husband. In 1962 Little married his high school sweetheart, also now a teacher.

In high school he played football, baseball, *(Continued on page 50)*

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER — RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 1966

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CASSIUS CLAY, Louisville, Ky.
1—**ERNIE TERRELL,** Chicago, Ill.
2—**THAD SPENCER,** Portland, Ore.
3—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
4—**AMOS LINCOLN,** Portland, Ore.
5—**CLEVELAND WILLIAMS,** Houston, Texas
6—**KARL MILDENBERGER,** Germany
7—**DOUG JONES,** New York, N.Y.
8—**HENRY COOPER,** England
9—**OSCAR BONAVENA,** Argentina
10—**GEORGE CHUVALO,** Canada

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE TORRES, Puerto Rico
1—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
2—**ROGER ROUSE,** Anaconda, Mont.
3—**EDDIE COTTON,** Seattle, Wash.
4—**PIERO DEL PAPA,** Italy
5—**ANDRES SELPA,** Argentina
6—**JOHNNY PERSOL,** Brooklyn, N.Y.
7—**BOBO OLSON,** Honolulu, Hawaii
8—**WAYNE THORNTON,** Fresno, Calif.
9—**BOB FOSTER,** Washington, D.C.
10—**GIOVANNI BIANCARDI,** Italy

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N.Y.
1—**SANDRO MAZZINGHI,** Italy
2—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
3—**NINO BENVENUTI,** Italy
4—**JOSE GONZALEZ,** Puerto Rico
5—**DON FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
6—**KI SOO KIM,** Korea
7—**JOEY ARCHER,** New York, N.Y.
8—**STAN HARRINGTON,** Honolulu, Hawai
9—**SUGAR BOY NANDO,** Aruba, D.W.I.
10—**BLAIR RICHARDSON,** South Bar, N.S.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
Title Vacant
1—**CURTIS COKES,** Dallas, Texas
2—**JEAN JOSSELIN,** France
3—**ERNIE LOPEZ,** Las Vegas, Nev.
4—**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales
5—**TED WHITFIELD,** Amherst, Mass.
6—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Miami Beach, Fla.
7—**WILLIE LUDICK,** South Africa
8—**PERCY MANNING,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**L. C. MORGAN,** Los Angeles, Cal.
10—**MANUEL GONZALEZ,** Odessa, Texas

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SANDRO LOPOPOLO, Italy
1—**DANIEL GUANIN,** Ecuador
2—**WILLI QUATUOR,** Germany
3—**EUGENIO ESPINOZA,** Ecuador
4—**PAUL FUJII,** Honolulu, Hawaii
5—**JOSE NAPOLES,** Mexico
6—**FEL PEDRANZA,** Philippines
7—**MARCEL CERDAN,** France
8—**PIERO BRANDI,** Italy
9—**LENNOX BECKLES,** Guyana
10—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela

VICENTE SALDIVAR FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THE latest ratings of the boxers of the world offer quite a few interesting features.

For one, there is the continued appearance of Ernie Terrell as the No. 1 heavyweight challenger, and his continued failure to cash in on that situation with a match with Cassius Clay.

There are indications that after the Mildenberger fight, Muhammad Ali will take on Cleveland Williams.

The Ring rates Curtis Cokes, of Dallas, who knocked out Luis Rodriguez, as the No. 1 contender for the vacant welterweight championship.

Cokes made his position all the more emphatic with a unanimous decision over Manny Gonzalez, who has been dropped all the way to No. 10.

The Cokes interest is laying claim to the welter title but this cannot be supported merely on the basis of the victories over Gonzalez and Rodriguez. Manny was outclassed.

Cokes now is paired with Brian Curvis, of Wales, for an elimination bout for the welter laurels.

On the basis of close and important results, competition for the Fighter of the Month citation was keen, more ardent than it had been in some time.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS ORTIZ, New York, N.Y.
1—**CARLOS (TEO) CRUZ,** Dominican Rep.
2—**NICOLINO LOCHE,** Argentina
3—**MAURICE CULLEN,** England
4—**ISMAEL LAGUNA,** Panama
5—**ANGEL ROBINSON GARCIA,** Cuba
6—**FRANKIE NARVAEZ,** Puerto Rico
7—**RAY ADIGUN,** Nigeria
8—**YOSHIAKI NUMATA,** Japan
9—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Cal.
10—**SUGAR RAMOS,** Mexico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GABRIEL (FLASH) ELORDE, Philippines
1—**JOSE LEGRA,** Spain
2—**PEDRO GOMEZ,** Venezuela
3—**JOHNNY FAMECHON,** Australia
4—**LOVE ALLOTEY,** Ghana
5—**ANTONIO AMAYA,** Panama
6—**JOHNNY BIZZARRO,** Erie, Pa.
7—**JEAN DE KEERS,** Belgian
8—**KID TANO,** Spain
9—**KANG SUH IL,** Korea
10—**RAY ECHAVARRIA,** San Jose, Cal.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
VICENTE SALDIVAR, Mexico
1—**MITSUNORI SEKI,** Japan
2—**CARLOS CANETE,** Argentina
3—**RAUL ROJAS,** San Pedro, Calif.
4—**HOWARD WINSTONE,** Wales
5—**RICHARD SUE,** Portland, Ore.
6—**BOBBY VALDEZ,** San Diego, Calif.
7—**FREDDY RENGIFO,** Venezuela
8—**ALEX BENITEZ,** San Jose, Cal.
9—**HIROSHI KOBAYASHI,** Japan
10—**FRANKIE CRAWFORD,** Los Angeles, Cal.

Candidates for the laurel were Curtis Cokes, who gave Manny Gonzalez a shellacking for the No. 1 contender's spot among the welters; Vicente Saldivar, featherweight title holder, who had to extend himself against Mitsunori Seki; and Willie Ludick, rated, who gave Jean Josselin a beating and scrambled the welter situation considerably. South Africa, like Texas, now is laying claim to the welterweight title.

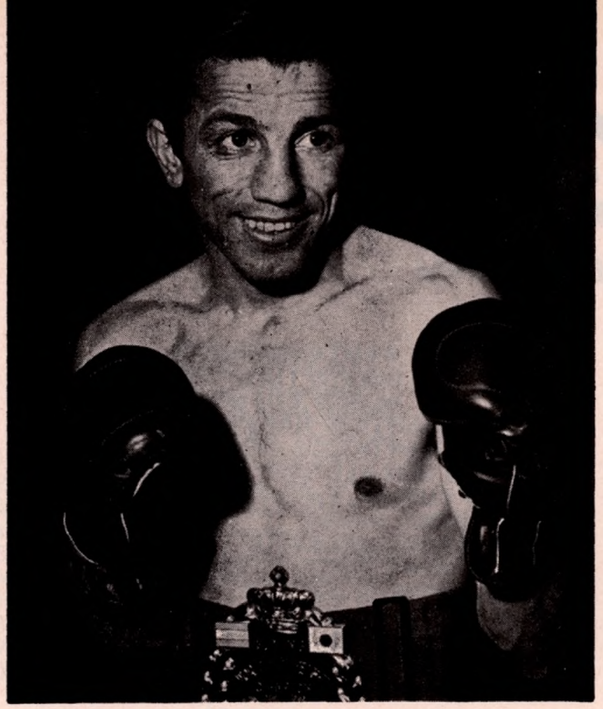
The Fight of the Month honors had to be awarded to Saldivar. His hard won and merited decision over Seki, of Japan, gave the month's top honors to the game and scrappy Mexican.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
FIGHTING HARADA, Japan
1—**JESUS PIMENTAL,** Los Angeles, Cal.
2—**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
3—**ALAN RUDKIN,** England
4—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
5—**BERNARDO CARABALLO,** Colombia
6—**VALDOMIRO PINTO,** Brazil
7—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
8—**KATSUO SAITO,** Japan
9—**YOSHIO NAKANE,** Japan
10—**TOMMASO GALLI,** Italy

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
WALTER McGOWAN, Scotland
1—**HORACIO ACCAVALLO,** Argentina
2—**KATSUTOSHI TAKAYAMA,** Japan
3—**HIROYUKI EBIHARA,** Japan
4—**CHARTCHAI CHOINOI,** Thailand
5—**KIYOSHI TANABE,** Japan
6—**SALVATORE BURRUNI,** Italy
7—**PUNTIP KEOSURIYA,** Thailand
8—**EFREN TORRES,** Mexico
9—**RENE LIBEER,** France
10—**THONGCHAI SUPASMUTH,** Thailand

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Orville Qualls Omaha, Nebr.	4/66	4	4	0	0	2
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT						
Bob Dunlop Australia	3/63	18	15	3	0	7
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Pascal Di Benedetto Tunisia	5/64	17	16	0	1	6
WELTERWEIGHT						
Miguel Barreto Puerto Rico	9/65	6	6	0	0	2
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Domenico Chiloiro Australia	6/64	14	9	2	2	1
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Gary Pannell New Orleans, La.	5/66	4	4	0	0	0
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Eigo Takagi Japan	4/66	3	3	0	0	0
FLYWEIGHT						
Fernando Atzori Italy	2/65	11	11	0	0	2



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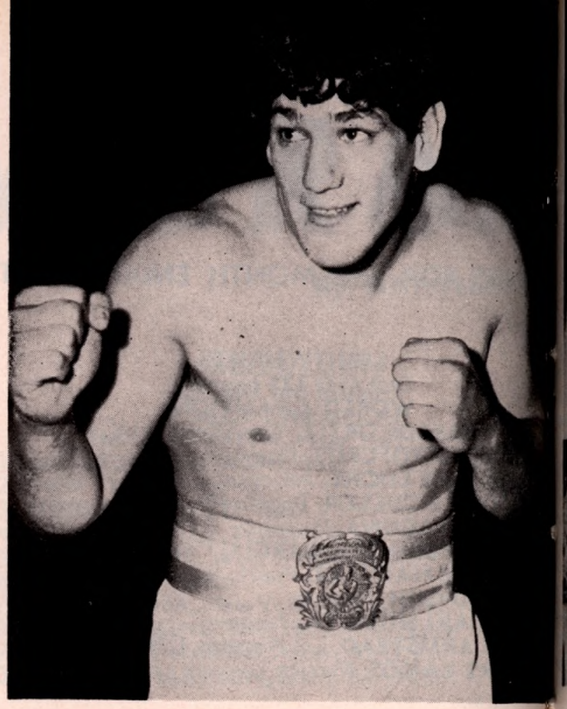
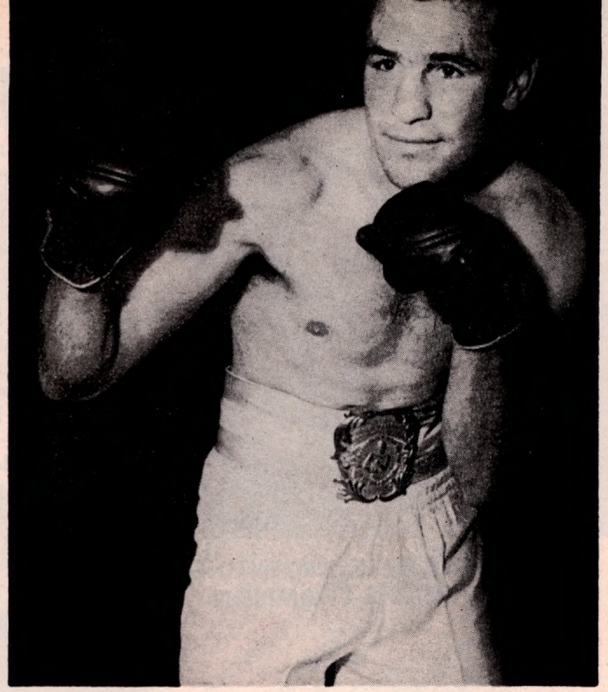


2—OSCAR BONAVENA, ARGENTINE HEAV WEIGHT DIVISION STANDOUT

5—NICOLINO LOCHE, ARGENTINE JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT CLASS BELTHOLDER



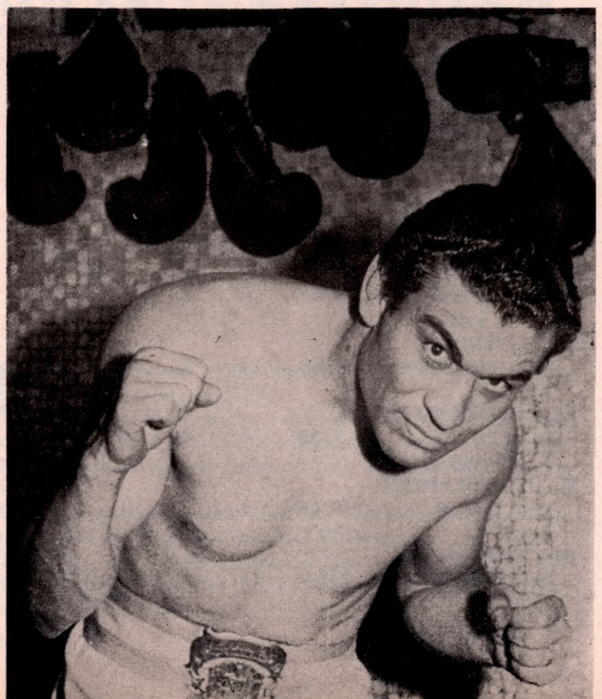
6—MIGUEL BOTTA, ARGENTINE BANTAMWEIGHT OF TITLE PROMINENCE

THE LATIN VIEWPOINT

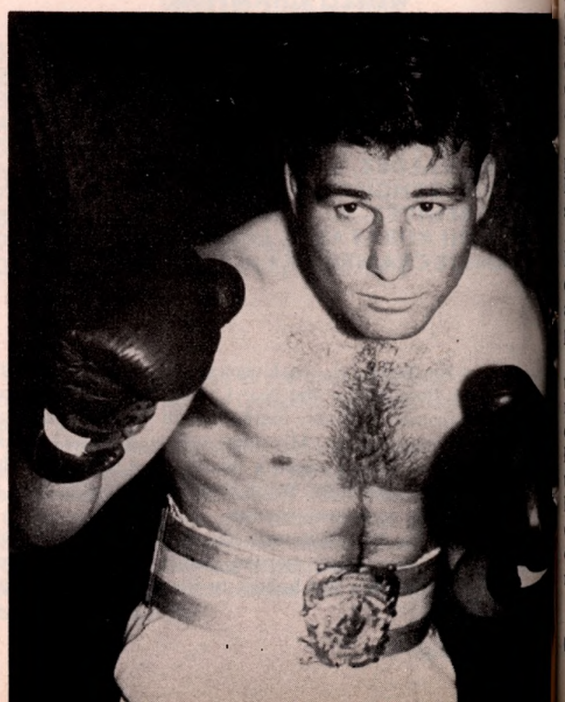
Renace Argentina Como Gran Plaza Del Boxeo En America Latina

Por PEDRO GALIANA

3—ANDRES SELPA, ARGENTINE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION



4—JORGE FERNANDEZ, ARGENTINE MIDDL WEIGHT PACEMAKER



DESAPARECIDA la Habana como el centro pugilistico de la America Latina desde el advenimiento de Fidel Castro y sus huestes comunistas al poder del pais, distintas naciones han disputado el honor de ser clasificada la mejor plaza pugilística de los muchachos del habla hispana, y, aunque México y Panamá han dado pruebas de mantener en alto su vieja reputacion de centros de excelente actividad, parece que es Argentina la que se lleva todos los palmos, clasificando en éstos momentos como la mejor plaza de boxeo para los atletas de la America Latina.

Las noticias que recibimos de la Republica del Plata, comparandolas con las que tenemos en nuestro poder de México, Panamá, Puerto Rico y Venezuela, asi lo demuestran. Hoy dia se está boxeando en todas partes de Argentina. Desde Buenos Aires a Mendoza, pasando por el Rosario, Cordoba, Matanza, Lanus, Moren, Mar del Plata y Santa Rosa. Y los frutos que se están recogiendo son tan fructíferos que nos creenos exagerar al afirmar que, no hay en toda la America Latina una nacion que posea tan crecido número de prospectos de calida.

El único lamento de éstos muchachos, todos corajudos y todos de enorme calibre, es que inexplicablemente tienen cerrada la plaza de Neuva York, el Madison Square Garden, y, como bien dice el editorialista Punch de K.O. Mundial, "es una lástima que en un centro pugilista de ese tipo, que es la ilusión de todos los boxeadores del mundo, solo se le abran las puertas a los pugilistas de elevada categoria, cuando tanto en Europa, como en America Latina y en el Asia, imperan los pesos bajos, que proporcionarián muy animadas veladas a los publicos latinos que residen en New York."

K. O. Mundial se hace eco despues de una carta de Teddy Brenner, donde anuncia que el Garden tiene compromisos para otros espectáculos por el momento, y que el Sunnyside Garden, que es otro lugar donde se ofrecen peleas por el momento en New York, las bolsas son demadiado bajas para pensar en un viaje a Manhattan.

Estos es verdad. El Garden tiene muchos compromisos y el Sunnyside es mas bien un centro de medianas actividades. Pero, algo debe hacerse para que se restauren los viernes pugilisticos del Garden, en la seguridad de que la America Latina tiene valores lo suficientemente buenos para garantizar magníficas entradas.

Argentina, repetimos, está ahora a la cabeza de la America Latina en buenos productos. Ahi tenemos Oscar Bonavena, Andres Selpa, Rocky Rivero, el siempre bien recordado Jorge Fernandez, Vicente Derrado, el extraordinario Nicolino Loche, que fue considerado uno de los mejores pugilistas de la America Latina en 1965, Carlos Canete, Nelson Alarcon, Silverio Aguero y desde luego el incomensurable Horacio Accavallo, que todos senalan como el mejor de su division.

Si ésto fuese poco, Argentina cuenta todavia con hombres como Eduardo Corletti, Jose Georgetti entre los heavies; Jose Menno y Miguel Angel Paez entre los light-heavies Celedonio Lima y Carlos Monzon entre los middles; Ramon de la Cruz entre los welters; mas Miguel Angel Botta, Luis Romo y Ernesto Miranda entre los bantams; Nelson Alacran y Carlos Miranda entre los flies y Hugo Ramboldi entre los junior-welters.

En la division ligera es donde mas abundan los prospectos, pudiendo senalarse OCHO muchachos de categoria en la division, cualquiera de los cuales puede devolver en abundante excitacion lo que se pague en las taquillas por verbes en accion

7—RAMON LA CRUZ, ARGENTINE WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION

en el ring. Nicolino Loche encabeza el grupo, donde figuran tambien: Cirilo Pausa, Julio Catalini, Tristan Falfan, Horacio Saldano, Carlos Aro, Carlos Gutierrez y Raul Villalba.

En Argentina, además, hay clubs de boxeo por todas partes, lo que significa que el deporte está ganando adeptos, y, lo interesante del caso es que casi todos los muchachos son pinos nuevos que han ido al deporte, olvidando el balompie, que era lo mas atractivo de 1 pais durante años.

Luna Park, por muchos anos el centro principal de atracciones, ha de estar en verdadera actividad en próximo Verano, y, los informes que tenemos es que el boxeo será, firmemente, una atraccion semanal, todo el año corrido, con sus programas perfectamente televisados toda la semana para la nacion, tal como se hacia en Cuba, antes de la llegada del comunismo.

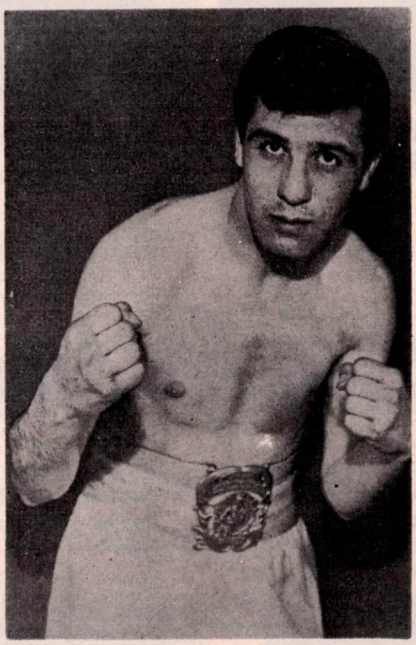
► "Es un crimen que la WBA y el Consejo Mundial de Boxeo no obliguen a Carlos Ortiz ó a Sandro Lopololo defender sus títulos mundiales frente a Jose (Mantequilla) Napoles. Mantequilla es, hoy por hoy, el mejor boxeador de su peso y el boxeo esta perdiendo la posibilidad de adquirir un gran campeon. Me explico que los managers de Ortiz y Lopololo traten de safarle el cuerpo a la pelea con Nápoles. Pero, los dirigentes del ring deben velar porque el público vea las peleas que merecen presentarse".

Esto no es nuestro. Es de Cuco Conde, manager de Jose Nápoles, ahora en México, quien lleva meses tocando a todas las puertas tratando de buscar un encuentro para su muchacho.

El propio Conde dice: "Nos han hecho ofertas desde Puerto Rico para presentar tanto a Mantequilla como a Ultiminio Ramos, pero, no pasan de $4,000 dolares mensuales y eso lo ganan ambos aqui, facilmente. Ultiminio y Mantequilla son ídolos en Mexico, El pueblo les quiere y ellos, tras de haber perdido a Cuba, se sienten realmente mexicanos. Cuando actuan, llenan la Plaza de Toros y todos el mundo les considera suyos. En esas condiciones, ¿como podemos abandonar Mexico para ir donde nos paguen menos?"

Mexico estaria dispuestos a llevar a Frankie Narvaez allá para pelearlo con Ultiminio. Pero, Narvaez no quiere verse con Ultiminio, ni siquiera en San Juan, y mucho menos a Mantequilla.

El boxeo de Mexico mejora—agrega Conde. "Manuel Ramos, que derrotó en Los Angeles a Eddie Machen luce admirablemente. Boxea y pega fuerte. Y tenemos dos ó tres muchachos mas de verdadero empuje. La pelea de Carlos Ortiz vs Ultiminio Ramos podrá firmarse para ofrecerse el 12 de Octubre en la Plaza de Toros, de Mexico. Garantizan $50,000 dolares el campeon y eso es dinero. Ultiminio no es como Mantequilla. Pero, puede darle una gran pelea a Ortiz. Es valiente y pega duro. Con seguridad lucira mejor que Johnny Bizzaro, de Erie, Pa."



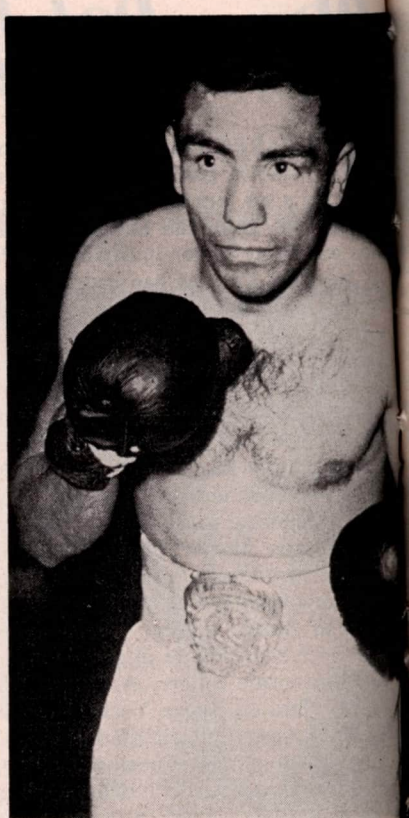
8—JORGE RAMOS, ARGENTINE FEATHERWEIGHT TITLIST

Ultiminio solo ha perdido una pelea en su carrera y como light weight las ha ganado todas. No pelea desde Febrero cuando se fracturó la mano derecha granándole a Mochila Herrera, pero, ya esta OK.

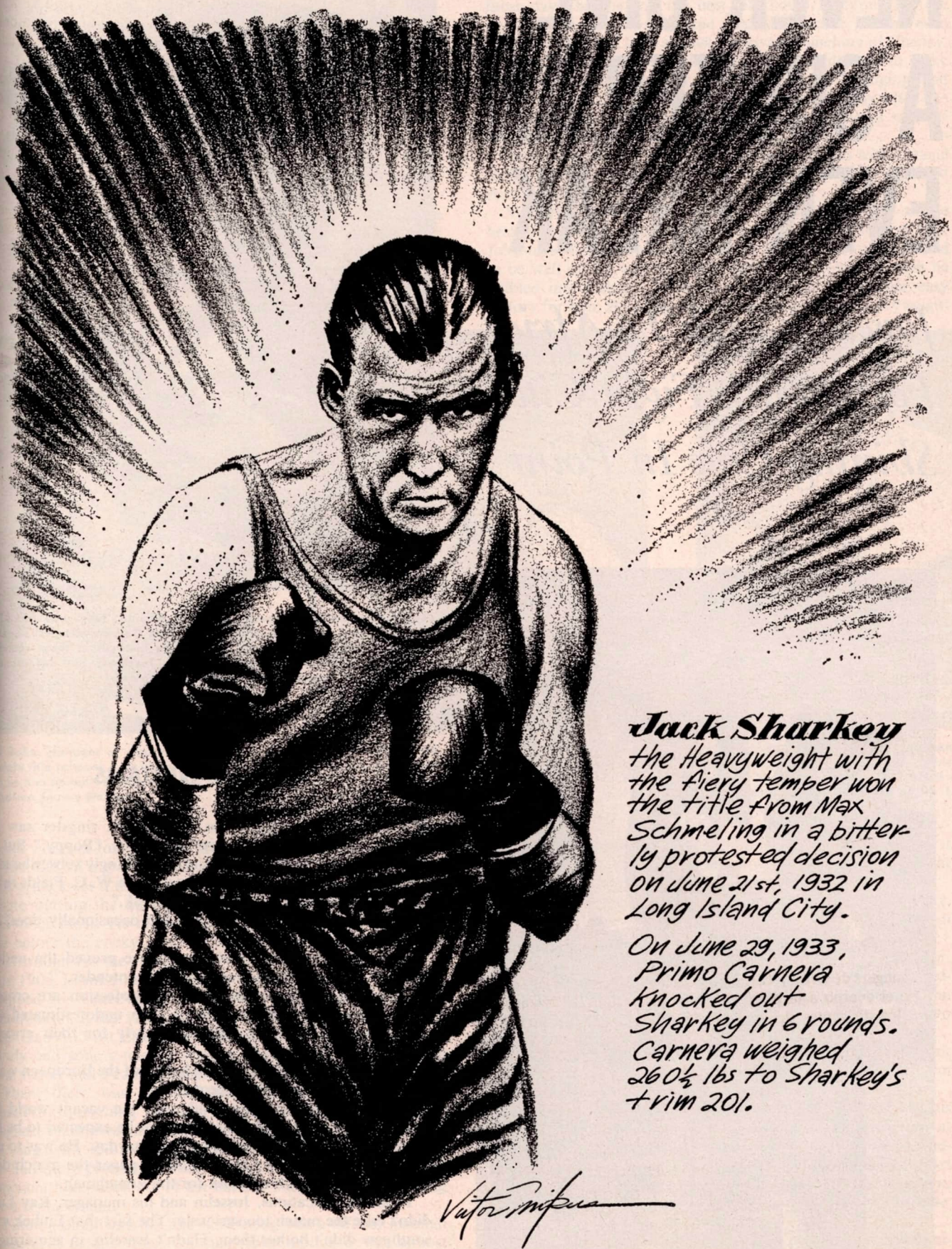
Luis Godoy, que acaba de regresar de Panamá, despues de una breve estancia en el Itmo, nos reporta lo siguiente:

Hay unidad entre las naciones de la America Latina para formar un bloque de boxeo que defienda bien los intereses de todos los boxers hispanos . . . Mexico, Argentina y, Venezuela y Panama estan int[eresados] en el movimiento. En Panamá, [el] cubano Chino Govin es quien promotea l[as] peleas, mientras Perez se ocupa de las l[u]chas . . . Govin es un veterano mentor p[u]gilístico cubano que estuvo muy ligado [a] Pincho Gutierrez . . . Su auxiliar es Carl[os] Struch, otra figura del boxeo de la Cuba d[e] ayer . . . Por Centro-America la figura q[ue] mas llama la atencion ahora es Pedro G[o]mez, un junior welter venezolano que p[a]rece subir como la espuma . . . El much[a]cho tiene condiciones excepcionales y s[e] mantiene invicto . . . Govin está estudiand[o] la posibilidad de representarlo . . . Porqu[e] parece encaminado hacia el campeonat[o] mundial . . . Tanto en Mexico, como e[n] Venezuela y Panama han visto con bueno[s] ojos la campana de THE RING para qu[e] el Madison Square Garden ofrezcan fre[-]cuentes programas con boxeadores de pe[-]sos bajos . . . Por éstos contornos hay un[a] serie de muchachos que serian verdadera[s] atraccion para sus paisanos si les brinda[n] la oportunidad . . . En Panamá por ejem[-]plo, está Antonio Amaya, que sube muy rapido y Venezuelo tiene ese Pedro Go[-]mez, que cuando sea visto en accion por los newyorkinos todos comprenderan que estaran delante de un futuro campeon.

9—NELSON ALARCON, ARGENTINE FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION



HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS—PORTRAIT No. 12



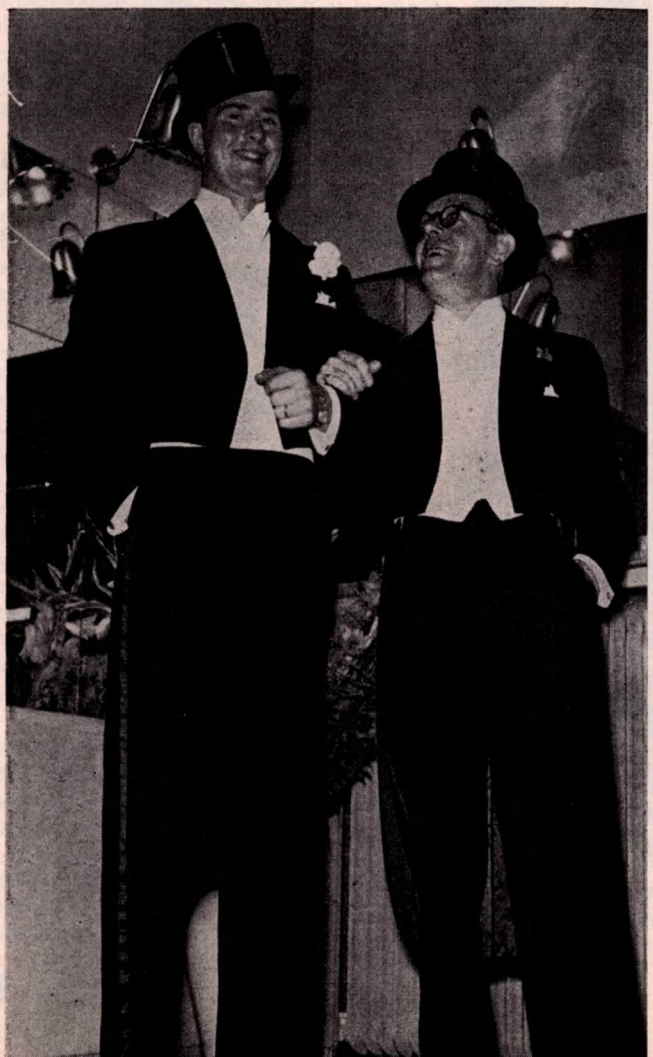
Jack Sharkey the Heavyweight with the fiery temper won the title from Max Schmeling in a bitterly protested decision on June 21st, 1932 in Long Island City.

On June 29, 1933, Primo Carnera knocked out Sharkey in 6 rounds. Carnera weighed 260½ lbs to Sharkey's trim 201.

NEVER GIVE A SUCKER AN EVEN BREAK

Josselin's Trek To Africa For Ludick Fight Cites Shining Case In Point

(Above)—Pancho Villa, spectacular little Filipino, who was picked for "workout" and wrecked Australian champion Georgie Menzies' hopes for a world flyweight title match by knocking him out in three rounds in Manila. (Left)—Swedish heavyweight Olle Tandberg and his manager Seo Holmstadt, figured in two "surprise" developments.



By BILLY WILLIAMS

IT HARDLY is likely that any current ringster saw that popular Broadway offering of the '20s, "Poppy." But any member of the fistic fraternity will willingly subscribe to the succinct bit of advice tossed out by the late W. C. Fields in that play—"Never give a sucker an even break."

That sort of consideration can, and occasionally does, lead to disaster.

Over-confidence and carelessness have proved the undoing of many a champion and ranking title contender.

The annals of the leather-pushing profession are crowded with tales of outstanding ringmen who underestimated their opponents' qualifications and paid dearly for their errors in judgment.

Jean Josselin, youthful French holder of the European welterweight championship, is a recent case.

Josselin, rated No. 1 contender for the vacant world title, ambled along to Johannesburg for what he expected to be little more than a brisk workout and a good payday. He was to meet a local favorite, Willie Ludick, and on paper the match didn't figure to be too much of a risk for the Frenchman.

From all indications, Josselin and his manager, Ray Lucas, didn't take the match too seriously. The fact that Ludick was a southpaw didn't bother them. Hadn't Josselin, in acquiring the

European title, trounced another left-hander, Brian Curvis of Wales?

What Josselin and Lucas may have overlooked was Johannesburg's altitude, a mile or more above sea level.

The rarified atmosphere of high communities, as visitors have learned in Denver and Mexico City, can be, and has been, a troublesome problem. Those not accustomed to it tire quickly and find breathing difficult.

Whether or not it affected Josellin in his fray with Ludick we wouldn't know. But we do know he suffered a big loss in prestige when he dropped the decision in ten rounds.

Josselin's unexpected setback recalled some of the many other notable episodes in which headliners encountered shocking defeats at the fists of presumably inferior opponents.

For one, there was Kid McCoy, as shrewd and tricky a middleweight as the ring has produced. But there was one night the Kid wasn't so shrewd and tricky. He dropped into Chicago, shortly before the turn of the century, for what he regarded as a soft touch. His vis-a-vis was a local favorite, Jack McCormick, who was hardly calculated to supply anything more serious than a mild workout for the great McCoy.

The Kid, in a gracious mood, thought he'd play around with McCormick for a while, and give the customers a bit of a show before putting the quietus on his opponent. But McCormick had other ideas. At the opening bell, he came out punching, and before the cocky McCoy realized what had happened, he was through for the evening.

In 1900, Frank Erne, then lightweight champion of the world, whipped Joe Gans rather handily in New York, stopping the Baltimorean in the 12th round. He fairly leaped at the offer to meet Gans in Fort Erie, near Buffalo, two years later. The bout hardly had gone a minute when a whistling right exploded on Erne's chin and Frank promptly became an ex-champion.

Then, there was the time that George (K.O.) Chaney, thunderous-punching Baltimore southpaw, was flattening the toughest featherweight opposition that could be inveigled into the ring with him. Less than 24 hours before a 1912 show the Baltimore promoters were notified that Chaney's scheduled opponent had pulled out of the match. They started scrambling for a replacement.

Finding opponents for the K.O. King was a difficult enough assignment at any time. On such short notice it was almost impossible. Finally, a Mike Clancy was rounded up in New York and rushed to Baltimore.

Clancy wasn't much of a fighter, as fighters were rated in those days, but he was the best that could be found for the occasion. A night's pay looked mighty attractive to him, even for risking life and limb against the savage punching of Chaney.

Clancy didn't figure he'd last very long, but decided to make a fight of it while he could. So Mike came out swinging, and hardly had the clang of the opening gong faded away when the startled clients were gazing on the totally unexpected sight of Chaney stretched out—and *out!*—on the canvas.

One of the historic upsets in major boxing—this with a tragic finish—was the defeat of Luther McCarty by lightly regarded Arthur Pelkey in Calgary, Canada, in 1913.

McCarty, giant Nebraskan, had established himself as the best of the White Hopes in the hectic era that followed Jack Johnson's victory over Jim Jeffries in Reno. McCarty appeared to be well on his way to a title match with Johnson when he ambled into Calgary for what promised to be another easy victory for him. His opponent, Pelkey, an ordinary heavyweight at best, was labelled for a quick finish. But midway in the first round, McCarty slumped to the canvas, seemingly from a light punch. He failed to regain consciousness.

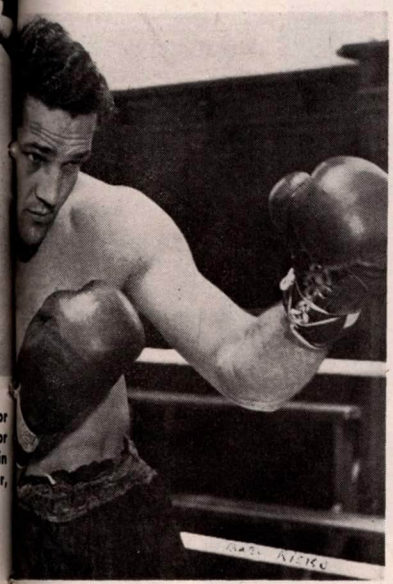
Another historic upset was the one that brought Al McCoy, of Brooklyn, the world middleweight championship early in 1914.

George Chip was champion at the time. A few months earlier, his brother, Joe, had beaten McCoy rather handily at the Broadway Sporting Club in Brooklyn. Joe and McCoy had been rematched, but Joe, because of illness or injury, was unable to go through with the bout.

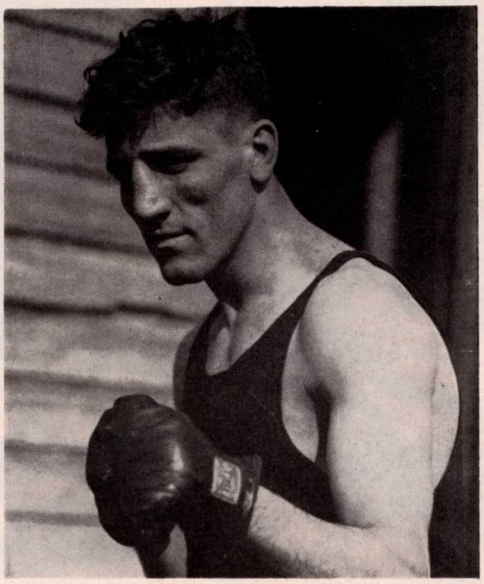
George had never appeared in a metropolitan New York ring, and he persuaded his manager, Jimmy Dime, to let him substitute for his brother.

It was a disastrous move. George, determined to make his Big Time debut an auspicious one, started chasing McCoy at the bell. Al, a southpaw, was beating a hasty retreat when, suddenly, in desperation, he let fly with his left fist. It was part uppercut, part hook. The oncoming Chip ran smack-dab into it, and when he recovered consciousness, he was minus the title. The episode consumed only 45 seconds.

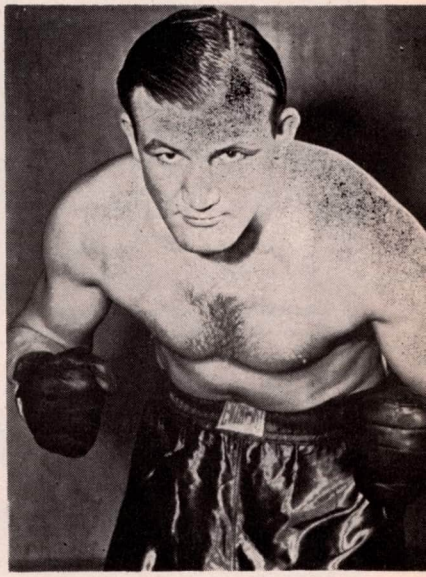
Jack Delaney, of Bridgeport, Conn., destined for the light-



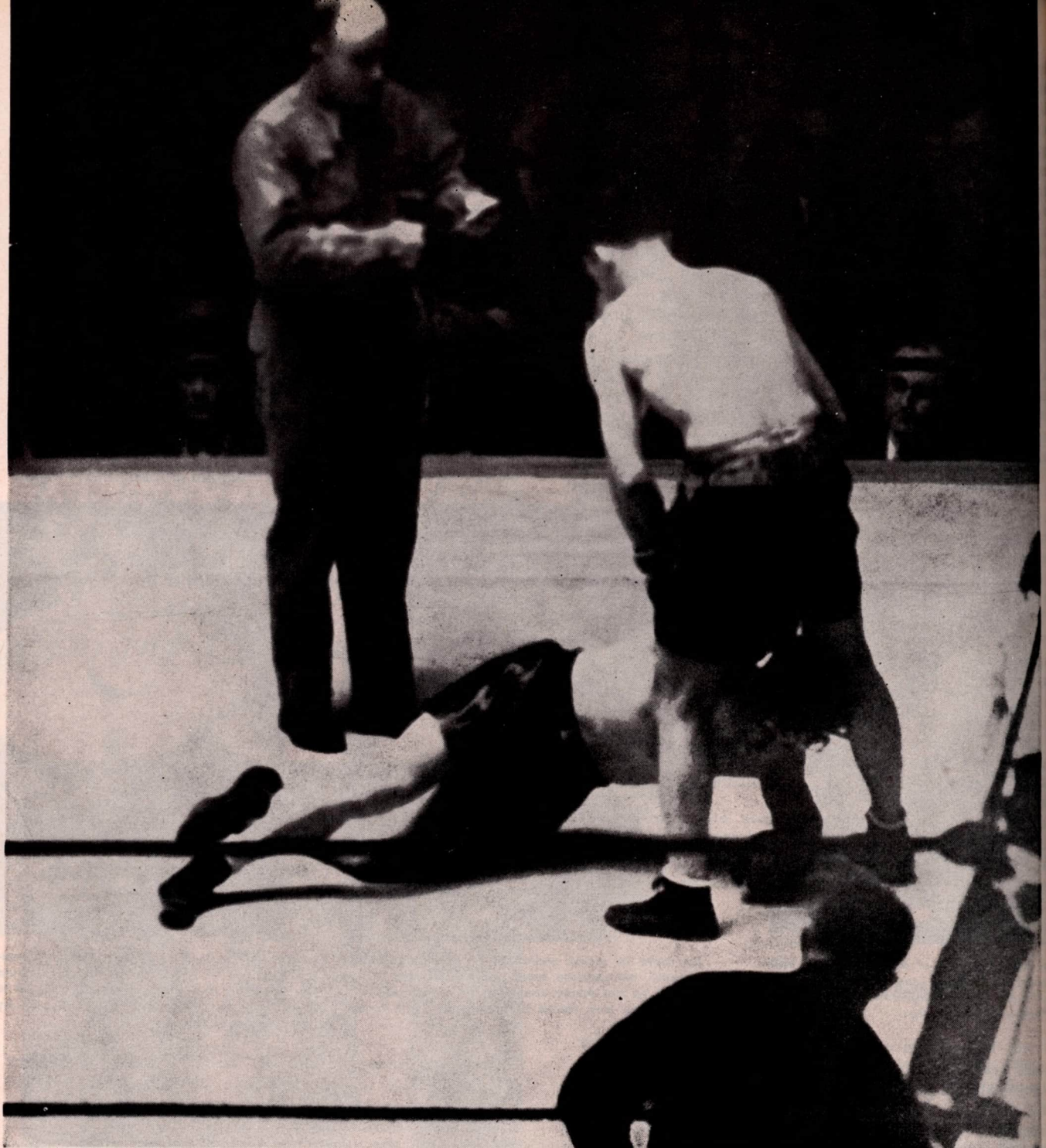
abe Risko, claimant of disputed world mid-eweight title (above), was victim of quick k.o. hen he met up with Englishman Jock McAvoy Madison Square Garden.



En route to world welterweight title, Joe Dundee (above), on vacation jaunt, gave California fans a chance to see future champion in action—and was wrecked in one round by supposed "soft touch," Eddie Roberts



In line for match with heavyweight champion Joe Louis, Joe Baksi (above), ambled along to Sweden for what he expected to be an easy victory—and was beaten by Olle Tandberg!



The veteran Billy Petrolle evening the score with King Tut in Madison Square Garden after Tut had tossed a stunning one-round k.o. into him in Minneapolis.

heavyweight laurels, but then functioning as a middleweight, was paired with the veteran Augie Ratner at the Broadway in Brooklyn in 1922.

Jack had become something of a sensation in New England. In his only previous appearance in the metropolitan area he had turned in a sparkling performance in outclassing and knocking out the highly touted Californian, Bert Colima, at Ebbets Field.

Ratner, though a smart, clever, experienced campaigner, didn't figure to be too tough a problem for the flashy, sharp-shooting Bridgeporter. But the bout had hardly gone a minute when Augie fired a right that caught Delaney behind the ear, and Jack promptly lost all interest in the proceedings.

Willie Jackson, a New York youngster, had become a popular favorite in Philadelphia with his speed and flashy boxing. But he seemed too young, too frail and too inexperienced when they brought in the great Johnny Dundee to meet him early in 1917. Dundee was in the top brackets of both the featherweight and lightweight divisions. Johnny himself didn't regard Jackson too seriously, and decided he'd have some fun with the kid.

His playfulness proved his undoing. In the first round, Dundee bounced off the ropes, his arms dangling by his sides. He ran kerplunk into a right that caught him flush on the chin and dropped him to the canvas for the first knockout defeat of his spectacular career.

In 1926, another Dundee—Joe of Baltimore, not related to

nny—had just completed a vigorous campaign that estab-ed him as the No. 1 contender for the world welterweight e, then held by Pete Latzo. While negotiations were under to arrange the championship match, Dundee and his man-er, Max Waxman, decided a vacation would not be at all ss. They hied themselves to California. To cover expenses, d at the same time give Pacific Coast fans an opportunity see the future champion in action, they accepted a date in n Francisco with Eddie Roberts, of Tacoma. If Roberts uldn't do much of anything else, he could punch, and in the st round he proceeded to explode his right against Dundee's n and utterly ruin Joe's and Max's vacation jaunt.

Early in the '20s, George Menzies, Australian flyweight cham-n, was aiming for a shot at Jimmy Wilde and the world e. The match was virtually set for London when Menzies cided to break up the long, tedious voyage by stopping off in anila for what he considered a tune-up with a Filipino. It s a disastrous decision by Menzies. The Filipino, who turned t to be Pancho Villa, later world champion, wrecked him in ree rounds.

During the mid'20s Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard d Gene Tunney, had a young heavyweight who was hotter n a four-alarm blaze. The kid, Johnny Grosso, of Mount rnon, shaped up as another Jack Dempsey. He was roaring rough the heavyweight ranks with all the spectacular gusto the old Manassa Mauler.

One night the veteran Jack Herman was tossed in with Grosso Yonkers. Pre-battle predictions were that Herman would be cky to last more than one round. But the old guy still had a uple of good fights left in him, and this proved to be one of m. He handed Grosso a terrific lacing, flooring him no less n seventeen times, finally stopping him in the seventh.

During that same decade, Al Singer was the reigning idol New York's East Side. A brilliant boxer and snappy puncher, ger had taken his place in the royal line that had produced nny Leonard, Sid Terris and Ruby Goldstein.

Well on his way to the lightweight title, Al dropped into adison Square Garden for what was tabbed as another win his expanding list. His opponent was Ignacio Fernandez, a lling but not too formidable Filipino. At least, he didn't figure be too formidable. In the third round he tossed a stunning ock into Singer's cohorts by knocking Al flat.

Late in 1930, Jimmy McLarnin, on his way to the welter-ight championship, was "fed" a presumably washed-up Billy trolle in Madison Square Garden. Once again the odds-kers miscalculated. The supposed "victim" proceeded to nd McLarnin a thorough going-over, knocking him down eral times in the process of beating him in ten rounds.

A few months later, this same Petrolle, in line for a shot at lightweight title, engaged in a "tune-up" in St. Paul with a al favorite, King Tut, and was knocked out in one round!

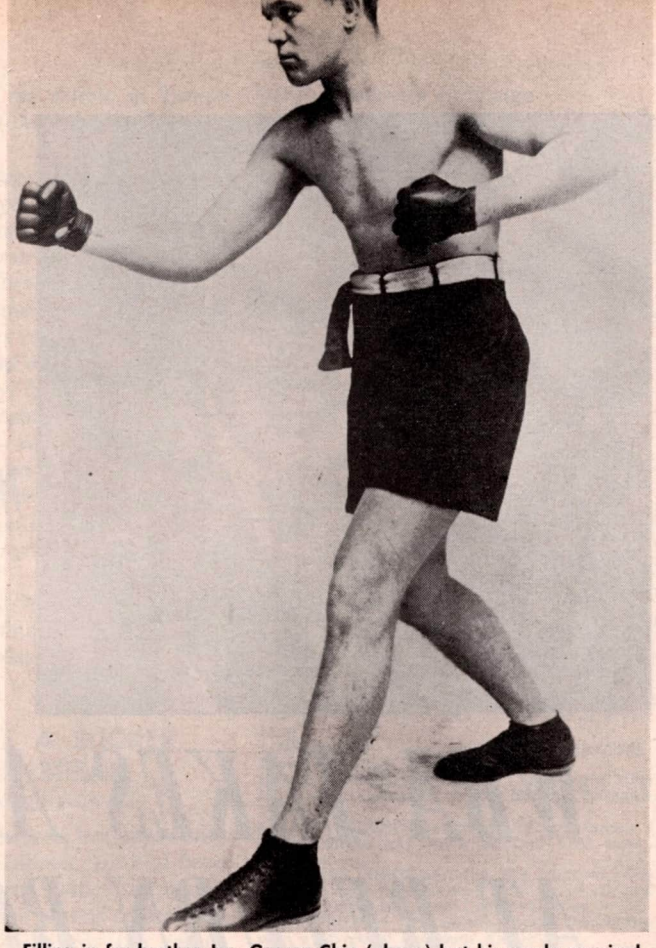
In 1936, Babe Risko of Syracuse was an outstanding con-der for the then vacant world middleweight championship. rong, rugged and a stiff puncher, he was matched with a visit-Englishman, Jock McAvoy, in Madison Square Garden. itishers didn't rate too highly in prestige with the American pulace at the time, and McCoy was tabbed as just another p-over for Risko. Again the advance speculation turned out be sadly erroneous. McAvoy needed only part of one round demolish the heavily favored Syracusan.

Surprising results have not been confined to American rings. rope, particularly Britain, has had its share.

A notable one was registered in London in '47.

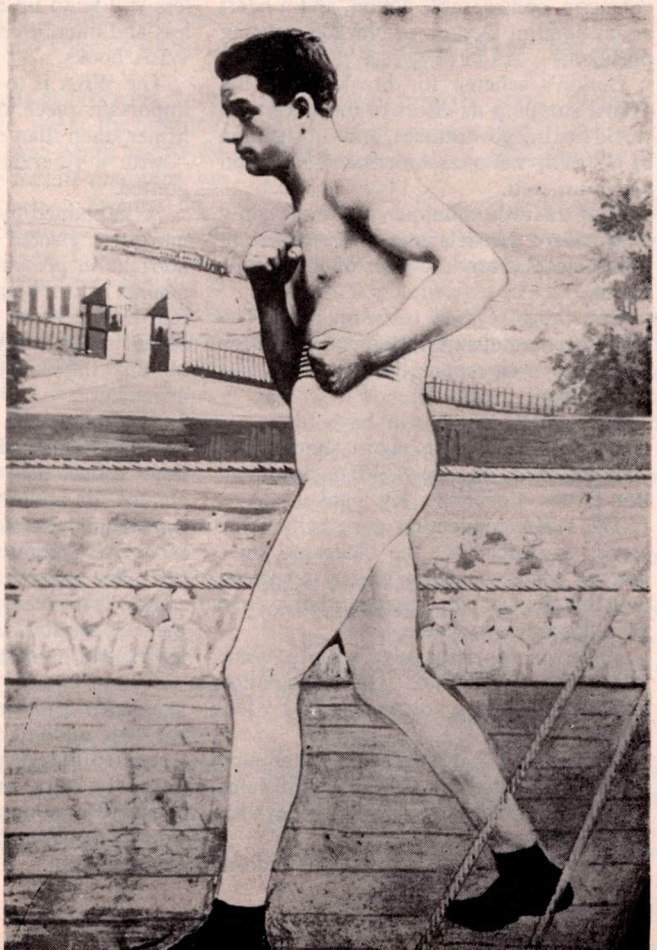
In a previous bid for the world light-heavyweight title, eddie Mills had lost to Gus Lesnevich in ten gruelling rounds. Freddie was fighting his way back to another crack at Gus. supply him with what figured to be another win, the veteran oyd Marshall of Cleveland was virtually pulled out of retire-nt and shipped to London.

Marshall had been a top-rated *(Continued on page 33)*



Filling in for brother Joe, George Chip (above) lost his newly acquired world middleweight championship when he was knocked out in one round by little regarded Al McCoy in Brooklyn.

(Below)—One of shrewdest and trickiest ringsters of all time, Kid McCoy (above) was neither shrewd nor tricky when he picked on a "sucker," Jack McCormick, in Chicago and was demolished in one round.



By LUIS (LUCHO) CRAIG

ABE J. GREENE, PATERSON, N. NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, WA RE-ELECTED COMMISSIONER OF TH WBA, WARNED DELEGATES TO WATC OUT FOR THE HOODLUMS LURKIN ON THE SIDELINE

WBA TAKES ANOTHER CRACK AT RETURN BOUT CONTRACTS

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—The annual meeting of the World Boxing Association produced a lot of conversation, considerable action, and a heart attack for Jim Deskin, of Nevada, retiring president.

Deskin's scheme for breaking up the WBA, stopping its effort to interfere with world boxing government, and substitution of a strictly national American federation was murdered.

That this would happen was a certainty long before the delegates got together in this somewhat torrid corner of the boxing world.

One thing seemed to be evident. The WBA is conscious of its derogated position and is eager to repair its situation as fast as possible.

This effort, which will have to be extended soon and with vigor, should gain strength from the new WBA president, Bob Evans, Louisville, Ky. banker.

The WBA convention gave behind the scenes evidence that the delegates knew that its edicts were not greatly respected and that its self appointed authority had been flouted everywhere.

However, the association adopted some interesting legislation. One regulation which passed does not appear to be feasible.

It was voted that a defending champion must file intention of fighting, with name of opponent and date, at least 30 days before the defense.

Many practical boxing men pointed out that this rule would be respected almost entirely in the breach. But, despite strong protests, it was passed anyway, and doubtless will wind up as another of those useless and unenforceable rules cluttering the WBA books.

The WBA is to be commended for one important piece of legislation. It took a firmer stand than ever against return bouts —with a reservation which must be regretted.

As explained by Abe Greene, who once more was elected Commissioner, "the reaffirmation presents an unequivocal stand against return bouts, with a strong proviso that this stricture was to operate whether or not there is a written or oral contract binding the participants to a return engagement.

"To meet such a contingency as a seriously disputed decision in a torrid title bout which has resulted in a universal clamor for another such engagement, the opportunity is afforded the World Championship Committee to entertain a proposal for approval of a return bout."

It will be seen that after making vehement declaration against return bouts, the WBA left the customary loop hole.

Greene added, "The strength of the first principle of no return engagements will be the firm guide of the Championship Committee so that disputatious managers may not, willy nilly, seek to argue their cause. We have in mind at the moment the closeness of the bout between Jose Torres and Eddie Cotton.

"The first act of the World Champ ship Committee, which is headed by Er Bruneau, of New Orleans, was to rej request for a return between Nino B venuti, Italy, and Kim Ki Soo, S Korea, for the junior welterweight ch pionship. Stanley Harrington was jected as the leading challenger for S title."

The WBA renounced its membersh the World Boxing Council, which l universal authority, and strengthened sectional positions by designating area ordinators.

Ramon Velazquez, of Mexico, ha resigned as international co-ordinator, Mexico having quit the WBA, Rod Sanchez, Panama, was chosen to succ Ramon. Dr. Elias Cordova, Panama, elected vice president.

Commissioner Greene reported there were important signs of a world surge in boxing, with a warning that wh racketeers and similar outside malevole influences had lost their hitherto stro interest in boxing, they were lurking the sidelines waiting for the game to d velop better financial possibilities.

Greene warned the delegates that et nal vigilance had to be exerted.

The WBA did not back away from curious and untenable stand that Er Terrell is the world heavyweight cha pion. Nor did it indicate any intention formulating a logical aspect of its bel that it can take a title away from its hol merely by ukase.

BENBOW SEES WILLIAMS AGAIN POWER PUNCHER

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has been a boxing buff all of his adult life. Not to wealth was this Benbow born. He had to fight his way up, and up he is, reputedly worth a million out of the oil business.

Years ago, in New York, Benbow was a boxing coach at the City College. At that time he became connected with the Benny Leonard camp, and developed a close friendship with Benny Semon, the champion's trainer, whom Hugh calls *"the greatest ever in the business."*

After many years' residence in Houston, Benbow has moved to Yoakum, between Houston and San Antonio, built himself a $100,000 home and developed a big ranch property.

For a time Benbow adhered to a resolve to stay out of boxing. But it was in his blood, and now he is in it deeper than ever.

Benbow has been advertising in The Ring for heavyweight prospects and plans to set up a camp of recruits on his ranch.

Before the Civil War many slaves escaped their "masters" into the Cherokee Indian country in Western Georgia, and the land of the Seminoles in the Florida Everglades. The Negroes intermarried with the Indians and produced a new race.

Out of that human amalgam came the ancestors of Cleveland Williams on his mother's side.

After the War, the Williams clan settled in the neighborhood of Griffin, Ga. Cleve was born on June 30, 1933, and grew up big. Now he weighs about 215 pounds and stands 6 feet 3 inches in height.

Williams worked on a farm for years. Then he got a job cutting and loading pulpwood. He was building up muscles, and an ambition to be a professional boxer.

Cleve did considerable boxing in the bush. His record, as we know it, started on December 11, 1951, in Tampa, Fla., where he stopped Lee Hunt in two rounds. However, he had some country fair experience before that. He never fought as an amateur.

In 1951 Williams decided that he had to leave the bush and find himself a manager who could put him to work.

"I always have been a reader of The Ring Magazine, and to this I owe my getting into the fight game," Williams said recently, in a recess on Hugh Benbow's farm near Yoakum, Texas, where he tosses around 75-pound bales of hay as if they were poker chips.

"I read about a fight manager named Lou Viscusi, who lived in Tampa and who was written up as a wise man with big connections in boxing. I decided that Viscusi was my man. I wrote him a letter, and set out for Florida.

"Viscusi gave me a warm welcome and a tough series of tests. Finally he decided I could hit and got me a fight in Tampa with a guy named Hunt. He lasted four or five minutes.

"Well, I went along under Viscusi, who liked me well enough and had big plans for me. But he got sick, retired from boxing, and sold my contract to Benbow.

"That was a big break for me because money is what Benbow doesn't have to worry about and he is very much interested in me as a fighter and a family man.

"Could I beat Clay? Yes, I could. I never figured I couldn't beat somebody I was fighting. Look at my record.

"The one man who was too good for me was Liston. He showed me plenty. I always have liked that man, and respected him as one of the greatest in the fight business."

Viscusi never lost his interest in Williams and while his financial concern with Cleve no longer exists, he is Benbow's advisor.

NEVER GIVE A SUCKER AN EVEN BREAK

(Continued from page 31)

ringster a few years before, but apparently had outlived his usefulness. He had been knocked out twice in 1946, and hadn't fought at all in '47 until he was resurrected to help Mills' campaign for the return Lesnevich match.

So what?

So the "sucker" messed up the Britisher's plans by handing him a bad lacing before knocking him out in the fifth round.

Then, there was the "double faux pas" involving Joe Baksi and Olle Tandberg in '46-'47.

Following knockouts of Mills and Bruce Woodcock in England, Baksi, the powerful Pennsylvania miner, was being touted for a shot at world heavyweight champion Joe Louis. He ambled over to Sweden on a combination pleasure-business trip, and was matched with a local favorite, Tandberg, in Stockholm. There was nothing in the Swede's record to arouse doubts in Baksi's mind about the result. Joe figured the bout to be a soft touch for him, and the trip little more than a joyride. But he miscalculated badly. He lost the decision in ten rounds, and with the decision went his chances of meeting Louis for the world title.

Then Tandberg, cashing in on that win and the attendant publicity in the American press, invaded New York. Instead of insisting on a big, slow-moving opponent, he was inveigled into taking on Joey Maxim in Madison Square Garden. Maxim, a light-heavyweight, made a specialty of whipping the big 'uns with his speed, shifty boxing and ring generalship —and he used the combination to excellent advantage in giving the big Swede an artistic boxing lesson. That bout represented the Alpha and Omega of Tandberg's American campaign.

One could go on for pages and pages with reminiscences of startling "upsets" in the ring. The records are cluttered with them.

Suckers?

The only sucker in this trade is the guy who thinks the other one is.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA

● *By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio* ●

The feature of the month took place in the "Norte" ring at Rosario where middleweight Juan Carlos "Rocky" Rivero outpointed Ruben "Hurricane" Carter in 10 and heavyweight Alex Miteff, returning after a five-year absence from competition, KOd Alejandro Gallardo in 3.

- **TEMPERLEY**—Eduardo Corletti scored a 6-round TKO over Silvestre Serena.
- **BUENOS AIRES**—Undefeated lightweight Juan Alberto Aranda drew in 10 with Juan Salinas. Another lightweight, Hector Pace, who is unbeaten, won by a TKO in 9 over Aldo Gomez.
- **RAFAELA**—Argentine middle king Jorge Ferandez, who is also the South American 160-pound champ, KOd Jorge Leiva, in the 4th of a non-title bout.
- **NECOCHEA**—Heavyweight Jose Giorgetti KOd Marcelo Farias in 2.
- **RIO CUARTO**—Undefeated flyweight Osvaldo Maldonado defeated Ursino Bernal, Paraguay, in 10.
- **BAHIA BLANCA**—Local welter champion Francisco Lamas won by a 6-round TKO over Jose Montalvo.
- **BUENOS AIRES**—Among the middles, Osvaldo Marino outpointed Santos Giminez in 10, and Antonio Aguilar whipped Carlos Salinas in 10.
- **ROSARIO**—In the welter ranks, Oscar Barzola won a 10-round nod over Kid Roldan.
- **BUENOS AIRES**—Featherweight Oscar "Cashin" Mendez outpointed Jorge Blackoudt, of Bolivia, in 10.

McGowan and Winstone Win

LONDON, ENGLAND;—We had ourselves quite a fight night which acted as an antidote to the Brian London hoax.

It was a doubleheader, in which Wee Walter McGowan, world flyweight champion, outpointed Alan Rudkin, British and Empire bantamweight champion, in 15 hectic rounds, and Howard Winstone, holder of the European featherweight title, disposed of Jean De Keers, of Belgium, in the third round, referee Dominco Carabellis stopping the fight. The third heat had gone 2 minutes 10 seconds.

Rudkin had three pounds on McGowan, who came in at 115.

It was give and take all the way as the small Scot and the lad from Liverpool belted away at each other in one of the brawliest battles seen here in some time.

The result left the world flyweight champion also the British and Empire bantamweight leader.

The Winstone fight started off badly for the Welshman, who suffered a deep cut under the right eye in the opening round.

De Keers weighed in at 123¾ pounds, and Winstone at 126.

PORTLAND (ME.) BECOMES NEW ENGLAND CYNOSURE

By Don Hamill

Portland, Me. With the closing of the Walpole, Mass. operation, boxing in New England has been confined to Portland, where Sam Silverman is doing well with his weekly shows. Portland has become, once again a hot boxing city, with many area boys embarking on pro careers. Most of the embryonic comers are starting out minus benefit of amateur experience. Next month Silverman plans to re-open Lewiston, Me., and Worcester, Mass. for weekly shows and, for occasional, larger shows, in Boston.

▸ In Portland's Exposition Builditng—Pete Riccitelli, 170, Portland favorite, had an easy time stopping ill-conditioned Johnny Otto, 177, Hyannis, Mass. Riccitelli punched Otto at will and shook him up in each of the three rounds fought. Otto, strong and aggressive, would figure to be a good opponent for Riccitelli if in shape. He appeared heavier than announced. He was unable to come out for the fourth round.

Jimmy McDermott, 161, Holyoke, Mass., had to come off the floor in the second round to gain a unanimous decision in the eight round co-feature over Walter Moore, 157, Roxbury, Mass. McDermott dropped Moore in the sixth.

Hank Manderville, 138, Portland, scored his fourth straight win in five weeks over Ronnie Butts, 133, also of Portland, in their six rounder. It was the first clear-cut decision gained by Manderville in their series.

Bud Holland, 173, South Portland, won an action-packed four rounder over Norm Taylor, 176, Cumberland. In other fours: Dale Sanders, 149, Pownal, stopped Bob Redd, 148, Portland, who was unable to come out for the third round; and Marty Bryant, 166, outpunched fellow-Portlander, Ken Foss, 163, in a battle of swat.

Willie Williams, 142, New Waterford, N.S., squeaked out the narrowest of decisions over Jerry Graci, 145, Arlington, Mass., in the eight round feature. The bout was a substitute match for a contest slated between Holly Mims and Milo Colhoun. Both Williams and Graci are boxers with good left hands but, oddly enough, the bout was fought at close range.

Buster Mathis, 245, Grand Rapids, Mich., had his hands full in winning a unanimous six round decision over Charley Chase, 198, Montreal. Bud Holland, 172, South Portland, punched out a clear cut four round decision over Marty Bryant, 165, durable Portlander. Ronnie Butts, 133, Portland, scored a surprise second round kayo over veteran Lefty Charest, 137, Lewiston. A right cross to the jaw spilled Charest.

▸ Riccitelli, 168, was awarded a gift decision over Rocky Halliday, 165, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., after eight rounds. The split verdict was booed. Riccitelli staggered Halliday in the opening seconds of the first round but lost command after the second round. Halliday outpunched and outboxed Riccitelli. Riccitelli reportedly had suffered a head cold earliel in the week.

Walter, 158, Roxbury, scored a clean kayo in the final heat of the six round semi-final taking Isidro Perez, 154, Westfield, Mass., out with a right to the jaw. It was Perez's first pro fight. Although he was not winning, he was doing well until the kayo punch.

In four rounders: Pedro (Schoolboy) Agosto, 188, Puerto Rico, kayoed Willie Scott, 190, Paterson, N.J., in the second round. Larry Michaud, 152, Portland, stopped Stan Lord, 158, South Portland, in the third. Bud Holland, 170, South Portland, was impressive whipping Jim Cherico, 162, New York. Joe Roman, 178, Puerto Rico, stopped Johnny Hitts, 179, New York, in the first round, and Norm Taylor, 174, Cumberland, outpointed Marty Bryant, 166, Portland.

▸ Jimmy McDermott, 162, Holyoke, landed a hard left hook to the jaw of Walter (Bobo) Moore, 158, Roxbury, to score a knockout. Moore had been the aggressor in their rematch but McDermott blocked the punches well. In the second round Moore with his back to a corner tried to slug it out with the hard-hitting ex-Portlander. A right paved the way for the pay-off left hook.

Jerry Graci, 148, Arlington, turned in a beautiful boxing exhibition as he scored his second decision win over rugged Rocky Luce, 156, Worcester, Mass. Graci bears watching.

Irish Al Kivlin, 160, Cambridge, showed signs of ring-rust after 6 months on the sidelines. He won easily over Danny Perez, 155, New York, in six rounds by a unanimous decision.

Ronnie Butts, 134, Portland, and Hank Manderville, 138, Portland, faced each other again, this time the bout ended up all even with the draw verdict being correct.

George Tidwell, 149, Westbrook, edged Dale Sanders, 150, Pownal, by the slimmest of margins in four rounds. In the four round curtain-raiser, Curt Simmons, 130, Portland, whipped Henry Wickham, 130, Westbrook.

▸ Riccitelli, 168, battled it out again with Rocky Halliday, 164, Wilkes-Barre, and again nothing was determined as the official verdict after eight action-packed rounds was a draw. Riccitelli was the better boxer and punched faster but Halliday had the better of the exchanges.

Joe DeNucci, 165, Newton, Mass., racked up his third win in his comeback by stowing away Augie Simmons, 158, New York, in the third round.

NEW JERSEY HIGHLIGHTS

By Ronnie "Burns" Bouse

SYMPHONY HALL, NEWARK Ronnie Lipton, of West Orange, recorded the fastest KO on Channel 47's weekly series of A.A.U. bouts when he stopped Steve Quinn of Chatham Township in 16 secs. of rd. one.

Bern. Hollaway, Newark won by a 3rd ko over Bruce Ross, Paterson in an action filled 155 lb. bout. Billy Stroud, Charlotte, N.C. grabbed a close 3 rd. dec. over Billy Stewart of Staten Island. Aaron Powell, Newark won by a TKO in rd. 2 over Bob Muniz, West New York, in another wild and wooly bout. Billy Beam, Elizabeth won a 3 rd. dec. over Ron-James Paterson. Danny Martinez, Newark won a close one via the decision route over Otha Tyson of Paterson. Ralph Castner, Harrison outpointed rugged Dick Winfield of Newark in a good fight.

▸ Steve C. Fotinos, newly licensed promoter from Phoenix, Arizona, requests that this writer relay to N.Y. and N.J. managers of top-notch and well known boxers to contact him at 5315 North Black Canyon, Phoenix, Arizona.

▸ **SYMPHONY HALL, NEWARK.** In the stellar attraction, Eddie Parks of Paterson, lost his second bout against 20 wins when Ronnie Trotman, Wagner Center, came on fast to nose out a close decChas. Lawrence, Wagner Center, in a return bout, won a decision over Neil Smith of Staten Island. Mike Reilly, Cliffwood Boys Club stopped Hector Torres, in 1:02 of the third in a good bout. Mike Carlo, Parks Branch Gym, won over Joe Jinks of Cuffwood in 1:35 of the first rd. Rafael Pellot of the Wagner Center used ring savy to outpoint his taller opponent, Otha Tyson of Paterson. Mike Palardy, West Orange, won a dec. over Larry Houub of Union. Billy Stewart of Staten Island, won a decision over Rocky Thomas of Cliffwood. John Bulmer of Cliffwood won a dec. over Al Hernandez, Newark.

▸ Chuck Wepner, Bayonne heavy, stopped Johnny Deutsch of Allentown in the sixth rd. at Scranton, Pa. Chuck was the underdog in this bout.

▸ **ROSARIO, Argentina**—Rubin Carter, Paterson's once ranked 160-pounder lost a 10 rd. dec. to Rocky Rivero.

▸ **PLEASANTVILLE**—Ernie Terrell, W.B.A. heavyweight champ, looking sharp in his workouts at Laoma Byrd's training camp in Pleasantville. Ernie took time out to tell the press that he is giving Cassius Clay the "chance to fight someone alive" and that he is "ready for a fight with Clay immediately . . . if not sooner."

GLOVE GAB FROM THE DETROIT AREA

By Ed Wagonlander

The Detroit Piston's basketball star, Ray Scott, once again proved that "it can be done" with his second successful show at Cobo Arena in two weeks.

The eight round feature brought together light heavyweights Willie Willams of Detroit, at 179½ pounds, and Frank Joseph, 177 pound New Yorker. The action seesawed with Williams staggered by a short right in the third. As the bout wore on, however, Williams continued to press and walked off with a close but unanimous decision.

Johnnie Weber, veteran Detroit ring official for 34 years was the referee.

Popular Carl Jordan, 151, of Pittsburgh, again caught the fancy of the crowd when he spoiled the debut of Wes Ramey's protege, Tommy Clayton, 155, of Grand Rapids. After the bumping of heads in the fourth round, with Clayton sustaining a cut over the left eye, Dr. Bennett halted the bout.

Alvin (Blue) Lewis, 211, Detroit, made it three kayoes in as many pro fights when he TKO'd John Hall, 181, of Pittsburgh, in the first round. Lewis, who responds to a bird whistle from the crowd when he enters the ring, swarmed all over his opponent. He knocked Hall down three times and the bout was automatically halted.

Lewis is one of the most exciting fighters in this vicinity.

Hedgemon Lewis (no relation to Alvin), 148 pound Detroiter who twice won national amateur titles, quickly disposed of Pittsburgh's Leroy Youngblood, 143, when he caught him with a sizzling right hand to the chin shortly before the bell ending the first round. Youngblood had gone down hard on his left shoulder, hurting it badly and Dr. Bennett called a halt. The bout was entered as a two round TKO.

Detroit's Charles (Babybull) Holloway, 163, victor in a thrilling bout two weeks ago, ran into trouble when he met fellow Detroiter, Jim Davis, 165, and dropped a four-round decision.

▸ The Sportsmen's Boxing Club continued its "club fights" by putting on a five bout program at Cobo Hall which brought out 2,082 fans. The main event featured two well conditioned Detroit middleweights, John Powell and Ted Wright, who met last month in a thrilling encounter with Powell gaining the nod in an upset.

This time, Powell, at 161, and Wright, 161, fought eight gruelling rounds which ended once again in a victory for John Powell. The first round was scored even on all three score cards, but Powell took the second, third, fifth, sixth, and seventh, only to have Wright come back strong in the final eighth round stanza and stagger him with a left hand to the chin. Wright, however, had waited too long and his flurry was not impressive enough to swing the decision in his favor. The judges called it 38-35 for Powell and the referee gave Powell a 37-35 edge.

This six round semi-final saw Denny Stillette, 155 of Detroit, redeem himself after his loss last month to Pittsburg's tough Carl Jordan, when he stopped Kenny Rose, 155, also from Pittsburg, after one round of action.

John Kubinec, 164½, from the city across the river in Windsor, who fought many great amateur bouts here in Detroit, took on Detroit's Dawson Smith, 158. Kubinec, the harder puncher, found it difficult to solve Smith's fast jab and superior boxing. The bout ended in a draw after four exciting rounds. They will meet again.

▸ **"AROUND THE SQUARE"**—Detroit's revival of boxing would be virtuallyq impossible were it not for the fine support of the Motor City's newspapers, the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News . . . Even radio station WJR got into the act and recently had promoter-matchmaker Ray Scott interviewed by J. P. McCarthy on the station's "Focus" program. The tallest promoter in the world is Ray Scott who arranged the recent Powell-Wright card here. He is 6 feet 9 inches tall . . . Detroit fight followers were saddened by the death of Jack Laken, traveling promoter who brought many top pogilists to this city. Among the fighters he brought to the automobile city were Lew Jenkins, Lake La Motta and Chalky Wright. He was a member of our local Veteran Boxers Association, Ring No. 32.

▸ This correspondent may be reached at 1320 Lavona, Ypsilanti, Mich.

EDDIE PERKINS LOSES TO BECKLES IN GUYANA

By B. L. Crombie

GEORGETOWN, GUYANA: — Lennox Beckles (139½) stormed back after an early knockdown to score a unanimous points decision over Eddie Perkins (137) over 10 rounds before 6,000 fans.

After slow start the bout gained momentum slowly and the first real exchange came in the third round.

Early, Beckles, employing jab and move tactics, scored with two lefts to the head, Perkins, looking as cool as ever, kept stalking his man with his right hand primed for a kill.

The sixth round opened with a brilliant scoring left from Beckles but Perkins countered with a shuffling body attack. Beckles stormed in again with a combination of lefts. However, the relentless attacking American cut loose with a short left to the jaw, which put Beckles down. He was up immediately.

This setback in no way deterred the local kingpin as he went back into the attack and landed the crispest right cross of fight.

In the seventh round Perkins, sensing that he was trailing, began a business-like attack and he had Beckles in a trouble, but the Guyana Champion, fighting a rearguard battle, evaded punishment.

Beckles was back on his bicycle again in eighth round, as Perkins shuffled forward looking for an opening. In this round the referee warned Perkins for low hitting.

If there were any doubts about who was the winner, Besckles erased them in the last two rounds as he pounded away at the Chicago fighter who was always puzzled by his style.

In the main supporting bout over 10 rounds Ivelaw Eastman (131), the local featherweight champion, outpointed Wilf Boodhoo (126) at catchweights.

The bout originally carded as a title bout over 15 rounds was ruled out by the local Boxing Board as Eastman failed to make 126 pounds.

Eastman thus lost his featherweight title unless within 14 days he could make the weight limit and put his title at stake.

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Sam Taub, Pioneer Boxing Broadcaster, Is Hale At 80

Sprightly octogenarian announcer is as enthusiastic as ever over fights and baseball. He threatens to write a book.

By GEORGE GIRSCH

A LOT of water has passed under the bridge since the day Sam Taub joined the staff of The Morning Telegraph, on June 8, 1908. The man who was destined to become the first fight broadcaster on a regular commercial hookup hardly realized what the score would be when it was all over. Now he is 80, hale and hearty.

Sam was born at 53 Allen Street, on New York's lower East Side, on Sept. 10, 1886. When his family moved to Mott Street, Taub didn't realize the big-wigs who would be turned out from that locale.

Eddie Cantor and Jimmy Durante, among those who made it big in show business, got their starts about three blocks away from where Taub lived. That was Mike Salter's place on Doyer St., across the way from the Chinese theatre.

Many famous newspaper personalities also came from that sector, most noteworthy being the late Francis Albertanti, who was the youngest sports editor ever known when he held the post on the Evening Mail.

Taub spent two weeks at DeWitt-Clinton High. He continued his studies when he went to work at the ripe age of 14½, going to Evening High School, where he took up shorthand.

For almost twenty years Taub was with The Morning Telegraph. He was secretary to Publisher William E. Lewis and also to the legendary Bat Masterson, whom he found dead, slumped over his desk, in the Telegraph office at 50th Street and 8th Avenue, the day after Johnny Buff won the bantamweight crown from Pete Herman. In 1926 Sam was made sports editor of The Morning Telegraph.

Taub always has been a bug on fights and baseball. He is an ardent admirer of John McGraw, of the Giants, and he still believes Christy Mathewson was the greatest pitcher baseball yet has seen.

Sam got to know personally every heavyweight champion we have had, with the exception of John L. Sullivan. While Sports Editor of The Morning Telegraph, he had the lone assignment to both the Jack Dempsey-Gene Tunney fights, the one in Philadelphia and the encore in Soldier Field, Chicago.

Covering fights from ringside made it a cinch for him to become a radio figure. It was simply transferring his work from dictating to a telegrapher to talking into the mike. As radio progressed, he worked four nights a week besides putting in several nights weekly at wrestling shows.

More than 7,000 fights and 1,000 wrestling matches were broadcast by him. He described every kind of title match from flyweights to heavyweights, including the famous "Bum of the Month" scraps of Joe Louis.

For 24 years, Taub had a half hour sports show, mostly on Sundays, over WHN, on the "Hour of Champions." Every champion of note, from Jack Dempsey, to Joe DiMaggio and Jim Londos, were his guests. The Taub show covered all sports and featured all top figures.

The last fight Taub broadcast was the meeting between Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale when the New Yorker won the middleweight crown that stifling night in the Chicago Stadium. Working with him that night was Dempsey. He also was pressed into the picture to handle the Joey Giardello-Dick Tiger middleweight title scrap in Convention Hall, in Atlantic City, the biggest indoor arena in the United State, but was never used because of difficulty synchronizing the blow-by-blow with the movies taken of the fight.

Taub, at 80, still is a great booster for the boxing game and a No. 1 plugger for baseball. He said to the Ring interviewer, "I'll never forget the 1905 World Series, when the Giants whipped the famous Connie Mack Athletics, four games to one, with every game a shut-out. Mathewson pitched three wins, twirling every other day, with his final triumph at the old Polo Grounds over the great Chief Bender.

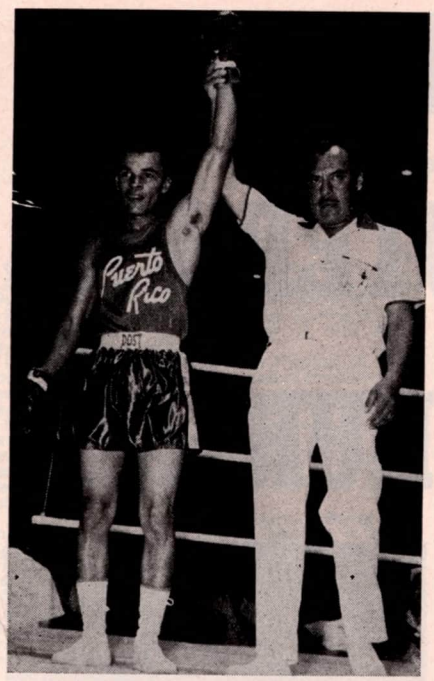
"As for thrillers in the ring, I have seen hundreds and hundreds more, but nothing to match Dempsey's spectacular victory over Luis Firpo, the Long Count Dempsey-Tunney fight in Chicago, and Liston's two fast kayos of Floyd Patterson.

"Surprises? How about Cassius Clay's taking the title from Liston at Miami Beach and Rocky Marciano's knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott?

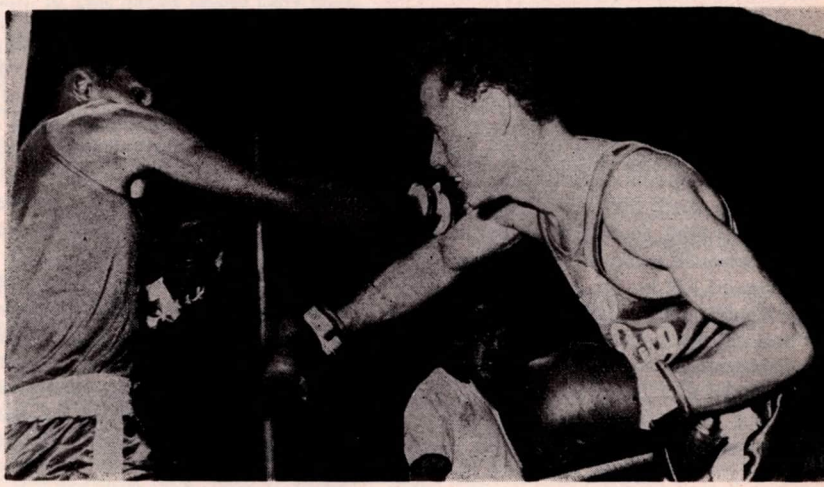
"About my fight experiences I could write a book. Maybe I will."

CUBAN BOXERS GAIN FIVE CARIB MEDALS

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO



Bantamweight Jesue Marquez, of Puerto Rico, is acclaimed the winner by a KO over Guatemalan Mario Mendoza in a semi final battle. In the finals, Marquez unfortunately could not make the weight.



Luis Hernandez, Puerto Rico, (right), is piling up enough points to beat Leopoldo Quintano, Dominican Republic. The winner failed to go on to the finals.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO—AN OVERPOWERING TEAM FROM CUBA CAPTURED GOLD MEDALS IN FIVE DIVISIONS TO ROMP OFF WITH THE BOXING SPOILS IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES HERE.

From the results, as well as from the records of these Cuban fighters, it is evident that the fact that professional boxing does not exist in any Communist state makes it impossible for any other Latin American nation to compete on a par with Cuba. The good fighters of other countries turn pro.

In the flyweight division the elongated southpaw from Cuba, Luis Mariano, had too much experience for the fiery Mexican Ricardo Delgado.

Putting a solid left jab to good use throughout the fight, Fermin Espinosa of Cuba, captured the bantamweight honors when he outpointed Reinaldo Solorzano, of Nicaragua.

In the upset of the evening, Reyes Arraiz, of Venezuela, scored a disputed verdict over Roberto Caminero, of Cuba in the featherweight division.

Venezuela also garnered the lightweight title when Ramon Guzman scored the most decisive win of the evening with a knockout over Rafael Peralta, of Santo Domingo, in the second round.

Venezuela continued it's winning spree when Guillermo Salcedo came from behind to score a close decision over Ken Nelson, of Jamaica, in the junior welterweight class. Nelson will bear watching,

Cuba jumped again into the winning circle when Andres Molina proved to be too strong for Wendell Spencer, scoring a kayo in the second round.

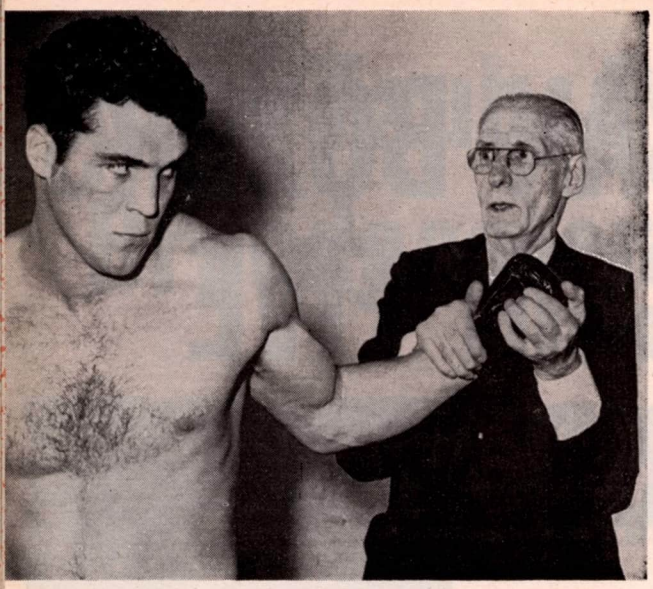
Puerto Rico took its only gold medal when Junior Middleweight Eustaquio Carrasco scored a close decision over Norman Lyttle, of Jamaica, in a hotly contested bout fought all the way at close range.

Cuban middleweight Juan L. Martinez, with only one loss listed in 48 bouts, was no match for Mario Mojica, of Puerto Rico.

Lightweight Jose del C. Rondon, Venezuela, registered a kayo over Marcelino Carmona, of Puerto Rico, in the last impressive bout of the evening.

Heavyweight Jose L. Cabrera, Cuba, was awarded a gold medal in this division when Freddie Cruzado, Puerto Rico, failed to compete because of injury.

KIRKMAN TOUTED BIG BY HURLEY



Jack Hurley oldtime fight manager is shown here with his new heavyweight hopeful, former AAU heavyweight champion Boone Kirkman. Boone has scored four kayo's in four pro bouts.

By JOHN ORT

DUE TO the fact that heavyweight champion Cassius Clay and light-heavyweight king Jose Torres are defeating the top contenders there is a lack of talent in their divisions. However, as always in boxing, there are newcomers on their way up to replace the vets who are beginning to fall by the wayside.

Such new men as heavyweights Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Manuel Ramos, Mexico, and Portland, Maine's young light heavyweight Pete Riccatelli, are on their way to replace the fading heroes.

Kirkman, who was the 1965 AAU heavyweight champion, is one of the few fighters to come along in many a year with an impressive amateur background. Boone engaged in 26 amateur bouts of which he won 21.

This youngster started boxing for pay in April of this year when he stopped vet Lou Phillips in one round at Boise, Idaho. He went on to win the Idaho heavyweight title by stopping Gail Wright in one. His third pro bout was his toughest so far. It took him four rounds to dispose of John Collins.

In his only bout outside of Boise, Boone halted tough Al Carter in one round in Los Angeles this past June.

Boone is managed by one of the most competent and colorful men in the business, Jack Hurley.

Another heavyweight who may be headed for stardom is Manuel Ramos. He also had a lengthy pre-pro career in Mexico, where he gained the national heavyweight title. He started boxing professionally in 1963 when he won the heavyweight championship of Mexico in his third bout.

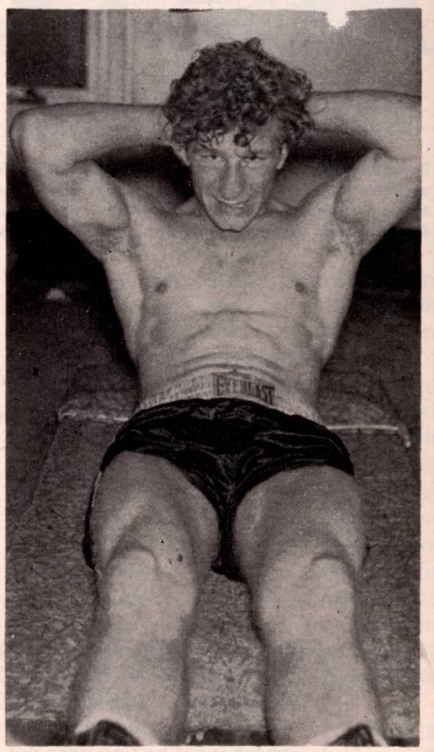
Manuel won his first four bouts in California in 1964, three by knockouts, before he met his first defeat at the hands of Al Carter in ten rounds. After this, things went from bad to worse for this young heavyweight. Manuel engaged in seven bouts from July 1964 to December 1965, losing five and drawing in two.

In 1966 a new Ramos emerged. He started with a six round kayo over Jerry Sims and later stopped John Henry Jackson, two, and Lars Norling and Archie Ray, eight.

The highlight of Manuel's career came on the night of June 3 in Los Angeles when he outpointed Eddie Machen over ten rounds.

A young fellow from Portland, Maine, who is making the fans forget the Liston-Clay mess in Lewiston, is Pete Riccatelli. This lad came up the hard way. He was an orphan, brought up by the State and was in minor trouble with the law until 1961. After spending some time in the Windam Reformatory, he decided to travel the straight and narrow.

Manuel Ramos, Mexican heavyweight champion, who won six out of six this year, is hoping to become the first Mexican to win the world heavyweight title.



Pete Riccatelli, Portland, Me., who engaged in twenty bouts this year winning 18, losing 1, and drawing in one, hopes to crash the world light-heavyweight rankings in the near future.

Settling on a career of boxing, he moved to New York. Finding it difficult to obtain any fights there Pete moved back to Portland, where he finally made his pro debut in February of this year with a four round decision over Jim Stovall.

He went on to win his first four bouts before he met with his first and only loss, to Sonny Moore. Not discouraged, Pete continued his career and won his next thirteen in a row, five by kayos, and in this span, he avenged his defeat by Moore. In his most recent bout, he outpointed Walker Simmons, ten rounds. His record for the year is 18-1-1.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending Sept. 20, 1966

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Cassius Clay stopped Carl Mildenberger, 12.

George Chuvalo kayoed Mel Turnbow, 7. Charles "Sonny" Liston stopped Amos Johnson, 3.

Eduardo Corletti halted Silvestre Serena, 6. Jose Giorgetti stopped Marcelo Farias, 2. Alex Miteff kayoed Alejandro Gallardo, 3.

Dante Cane halted Giuseppe Migliari, 6. Bepi Ros stopped Andre Wyns, 4. Johnny Prescott beat Jose Velasco, 10. James J. Woody lost to Johnny Persol, 10. Amos Lincoln halted Elmer Rush, 9.

Manuel Ramos stopped Wayne Heath, 2. Willie Besmanoff beat Willie Johnson, 10, kayoed Aaron Beasley, 1. Al Jones decisioned Jeff Davis, 10. George Johnson beat Emil Umek, 10. Buster Mathis kayoed Bert Brownfield, 1. Marion Connor halted Eddie Dembry, 6.

Jean Claude Roy outpointed Johnny Barazza, 8. Chuck Wepner stopped Johnny Deutsch, 6. Sonny King beat Sam Wyatt, 6. Bob Stallings decisioned Frank Fudge, 6. Dick Wipperman stopped Ted Fletcher, Bob Croxon beat Vic Brown, 6. Gene Idlette outpointed Wayne Bunyan, 6.

Moses Harrell beat Wayne Bunyan, 6. Alvin Lewis stopped John Hall, 1. Jimmy James kayoed Jimmy Patterson, 2, beat Art Miller, 4. J.J. Wheeler beat Richie Peters, 8.

Don Waldheim beat Al Brooks, 4. Dan Napper kayoed Henry Jackson, 4. Harold Kitchen stopped Hugh Mericer, 1. Roberto Davila stopped Waban Thomas, 7.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jose Torres defeated Eddie Cotton, 15, to retain World Light-Heavyweight Title.

Johnny Persol beat James J. Woody, 10. Milo Colhoun beat George Benton, 10. Karl Zurheide kayoed Henry Mathews, 5, beat Gene Idelette, 6.

Bobby Stininato outpointed Sonny Miles, 10. Pete Riccitelli decisioned Rocky Halliday, 8, drew with Halliday, 8. Jack Rodgers beat Clarence Ryan, 6.

Billy Dolphin kayoed Abe Waldon, 2. Joe DeNucci halted Augie Simmons, 3. Bob Dunlop beat Don Jones, 10. Billy Marsh beat Billy King, 5.

Mark Tessman outpointed Gene Romero, 5, Richie Smith, 6. William Burton won from Felix Santiago, 4. John Kubinec drew with Dawson Smith, 4.

Jim Davis beat Jesse James, 4., Charley Holloway, 4. Gene Turner halted Lewis De Rousse, 2, kayoed by Dick Steele, 2.

Charlie Hall drew with Henry Poucey, 6. Alonzo Harris drew with Kid Longoria, 4.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Louis Folledo outpointed Pedro Votta, 10, stopped Michel Diouf, 6. Charley Austin beat Gomee Brennan, 10.

Carl Moore outpointed Florentino Fernandez, 10. Rocky Rivero decisioned Rubin Carter, 10. Jo Gonzalez kayoed Peter Donner, 2. Carlos Duran halted Fabio Bettini, 10.

Jorge Fernandez stopped Jorge Leiva, 4. Fumio Kaizu beat Terry Flores, 10. Mike Seyler decisioned Jimmy Walters, 10. Scatterhawk Dixon kayoed Jimmy Ralston, 2.

Dub Huntley outpointed Gene Bryant, 10. Joe Shaw beat Fred McWilliams, 10. Leonardo Ianni kayoed Clemente Sarrazin, 6. Elliot Miller beat Freddy DeVore, 8. Johnny Torres stopped Denis Leonard, 4.

Charles Walters decisioned Benny Passa, 6. Bobby Knox outpointed Carlos Loya, 6. John Powell beat Ted Wright, 8. James McDermott kayoed Walter Moore, 2. Billy Walker stopped Billy Marsh, 6.

Wade Smith beat Keith Laufenberg, 5. Freddy DeVore decisioned Lee Clemonts, 6. Shelly Lyons outpointed Polo Corona, 5, again in 10.

Ralph Palladin beat Joe Vasquez, 6. Kid Boisvert stopped Kid Hamel, 2. Denny Stilleto halted Ken Rose, 1. Larry Buck beat John Gartner, 6.

Billy King decisioned Willie McGee, 5, Jim Norris, 5. Herbie Brown beat Joey Vasquez, 4. Harry Tarpin won from Rocky Martin, 6.

Jimmy McGowan outpointed Gene Green, 6. Ken Tenari stopped Jimmy Carter, 2. Lenny Buttram stopped Hugh Lindsay, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Curtis Cokes decisioned Manuel Gonzalez, 15, to win W.B.A. Welterweight Title.

Ernie Lopez beat Johnny Brooks, 10. L.C. Morgan stopped Jose Napoles, 3. Ralph Dupas stopped Joey Limas, 5.

Mario Consolati halted Bruno Arcari, 15. Johnny Brooks beat Joe Clark, 10. Les Sprague stopped Lou Johnson, 8. Joey Durelle outpointed Arnold Sparks, 10. Ramon La Cruz kayoed Raul Roldan, 8.

Apodej Sithiran beat Adul Srisotorn, 10. Dick DiVeronica decisioned Severo Balboa, 10. Roscoe Bell kayoed James Lee, 1, drew with Johnny Tutuskas, 6. Colin Fraser beat Carl Jordan, 8. Joe Nunez beat Polo Corona, 8.

Albert Breau decisioned Jean-Maria Avena, 8. Freddy Mills outpointed Richard Medrano, 6. Ronaldo Henriquez stopped Ron Smith, 1. Andy Gonzalez beat Steve Perez, 6, kayoed Mike Thomas, 4.

Hedgemon Lewis stopped Larry Youngblood, 2. Roscoe Gregory beat Hugo Figueroa, 6. Willie Munez kayoed Billy Longergan, 5.

Dave Downey outpointed Charlie Legare, 4. Brian Curvis stopped DesRea, 8.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Sandro Lopopolo decisioned Klaus Klien, 10, non-title. Paul Fujii kayoed Shigeru Hagihara, 2.

Marcel Cerdan beat Giuseppe Occhipinti, 8. Eddie Perkins lost to Lennox Beckles, 10. Juan Sombrita kayoed Antonio Coria, 4.

Vicente Derado lost to Carlos Cruz, 10. Larry Clark stopped Mariano Serrano, 8. Doug Agin kayoed Miguel Hernandez, 8. Benito Juarez beat Bobby Allen, 10. Chic Santos kayoed Larry Clark.

Herbie Lee decisioned Blackie Zamora, 10. Rodrigo Valdes outpointed Elias Lian, 10. Norm Langford drew with Johnny Fooks, 10, beat Gary Cowburn, 12. Chic Santos beat Benito Juarez, 10.

Ronnie Sampson stopped Norman Kirby, 6, Gaston Tancrede, 3. Rugene Parker drew with Questa Walker, 8. Lyle Randolph stopped Sidney Dean, 3. Bobby Carrillo halted Jerome Ware, 2.

Vernon Lewis beat Reginald Cyrus, 6. Larry Treadwell won from Eddie Bell, 4. Dave Pyke beat George Hershman, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Carlos Cruz beat Vicente Derado, 10. Frank Narvaez won from Johnny Bizzarro, 10.

Angel Robinson Garcia drew with Manuel Vilchez, 8, and Navarro Moreno, 8. Yoshiaki Numata lost to Kid Rosario, 10.

Joe Brown kayoed Josiah Nakedi, 9. Omar Gottifredi beat Carlos Gutierrez, 10. Hugo Rambaldi stopped Jossue de Morias, 8. Kennedy Clark beat Kid Caracol, 10, Tony Huerta, 10.

Victor Melendez decisioned Benito Oritz, 10. Manuel Santos beat Dave Patterson, 10. Enrique Higgins drew with Eugenio Hurtado, 10. Miguel Herrera won from Alfonso Arnedo, 10.

German Gastelbondo decisioned Jesus Gonzalez, 10. Urbane Davila beat Joaquin Mendez, 8. Bernardo Sanchez stopped Roberto Caballero, 3. Pedro Arredondo halted Javier Ruiz, 3. Gustave Garcia beat Agustin Chavez, 8. Chucho Almazan stopped Jose Banuelos, 5.

David Vazquez halted Daniel Miranda, 1, Angel Lezama, 4. Chucho Garcia won from Babe Vazquez, 10. Jimmy Velazco kayoed Arturo Navarro, 3. Raul Montoya beat Crescencio Mendez, 10. Luis Ramirez decisioned Efren Jimenez, 10.

Rogelio Reyes outpointed Jose Cruz, 10. Chuy Pruneda stopped Calaco Leon, 3. Anselmo Hernandez halted Kid Guanajuato, 3. Al Holquin outpointed Carlos Monrreal, 8. Allen Syres stopped Herman Escobar, 1.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Flash Elorde beat Percy Hayles, 10, non-title.

Jose Legra kayoed Jose Ribeiro, 7, Tommy Thompson, 1, Celmiro Rios, 3. Pedro Gomez decisioned Chiquis Rosales, 10.

Johnny Bizzarro lost to Frankie Narvaez, 10. Ray Echavarria beat Pete Gonzalez, 10. Alex Luna kayoed Rene Medina, 2. Toro George stopped Jesse Del Valle, 12.

Luis Patino halted Alfonso Frazier, 8. Antonio Herrera kayoed Vicente Arias, 1. Rudolfo Gonzalez beat Raul Carreon, 8.

Leonard Lopez beat Phil Montes, 5. Luke Erwin outpointed Davey Mills, 6. Gary Pannell beat Joe Gans, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Vicente Saldivar beat Mitsunori Seki, 15, to retain World Featherweight Title.

Bobby Valdez outpointed Beto Maldonado, 10, kayoed by Hiroshi Kobayashi, 7. Richard Sue lost to Mario Diaz, 10. Carlos Canete kayoed Jorge Ramos, 2. Howard Winstone stopped Jean Dekeers, 3.

Raul Rojas beat Pete Gonzalez, 10. Hiroshi Kobayashi drew with Aurelio Cazares, 10. Marciano Rivas beat Gene Young, 10. Dave Contreras outpointed Wayman Gray, 10. Shigeo Nirasaki halted Yoshimi Kubo, 8.

Mundo Ramos kayoed Manny Linson, 2. Ivelaw Eastman beat Will Boo Hoo, 10. Grego Garcia stopped Jacinto Diaz, 6. Raymond Rivera outpointed Leo Espinosa, 10.

Wayman Gray beat Joe Miller, 10. Rafael Resendiz stopped Augusto Angeles, 4. Armando Vargas halted Jose Carranza, 1. Genaro Gaytan kayoed Grillo Duran, 5, Zurdo Aldama, 1. Enrique Garcia stopped Al Soria, 2.

Chano Herrera defeated Roberto Torres, 10. Mariano Morales halted Fernando Garcia, 2. Ramon Camarena beat Chamaco Perez, 10. Pedro Martinez stopped Cain Rogero II, 5. Fernando Sotelo kayoed Rogelio Fernandez, 7.

David Mejia beat Tommy Haden, 10. Santos Sandoval stopped Mauro Martinez, 6. Chamaco Hernandez halted Jose Cazares, 5. Chamaco Leyva kayoed Johnny Bojorquez, 2. Pepe El Toro stopped Negrito Saldivar, 2. Juan Montoya halted Juan Quiroz, 10, Jose Hernandez, 1. Felix Montoya kayoed Carlos Chavez, 3.

Ernie Pascua kayoed Rudy Alarcon, 5. Luis Sanchez drew with Eliseo Estrada, 10. Eduardo Lara beat Gallito Cisneros, 10. Tony Alvarado decisioned Jose Garcia, 6. Jack Stanton beat Al Wallace, 6. Bosco Basilio outpointed Phil Montes, 6.

Jose Alonso kayoed Fremio Jimenez, 3. Nel De Joya outpointed Dommy Custado, 4. Josue Marquez beat Alberto Jorge, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Walter McGowan beat Alan Rudkin, 15, to win British Empire Bantamweight Title.

Jesus Pimental kayoed Jackie Burke, 4. Mimun Ben Ali beat Sonny Northing, 10.

Tiny Palacio stopped Hajime Taroura, 10. Rafael Fermin kayoed Chucho Castaneda, 2. Bonnie Borromeo halted Vitayanoi Singyodfa, 2.

Jose Arranz drew with Manuel Medina, 8. Romy Guelas decisioned Cherry Montano, 10. Juan Goroztieta stopped Valdemar de los Santos, 3. Gerardo Luna halted Francisco Pino, 1.

Lenny Brice kayoed Raul Vega, 3. Raul Martinez stopped Manuel Ramirez, 5. Jerry Stokes outpointed Manuel Galvez, 10. Miguel Castro decisioned Memo Tellez, 10. Ricardo Arredondo beat Manuel Justo, 6.

Alfredo Meneses stopped Gustavo Martinez, 3. Raul Romero outpointed Germany Vega, 10. Hugo Cerezo halted Victor Mariscal, 5. Raton Perez kayoed Mike Adams, 6. Raton Palacios stopped Kid Gavilan, 3.

Ismael Santiago beat Fernando Segura, 10. Pavita Torres kayoed Gonzalo Alonso, 6. Lupe Torres halted Pancho Ramirez, 3. Chucho Castillo stopped Edmundo Esparaza, 10.

Roberto Alvarez kayoed Filomeno Villa, 2. Juan Sanchez beat Bernardo Zuniga, 10. Felipillo Gonzalez outpointed Jose Valdovinos, 10. Javier Palencia beat Francisco Martinez, 6.

Memo Espinosa beat Roberto Vazquez, 4. Ricardo Mora decisioned Ramon Crisantos, 4.

FLYWEIGHTS

Katsuyoshi Takayama stopped Henry Acido, 2. Kiyoshi Tanabe beat Wonder Boy Ramos, 10. Chartchai Chionoi halted Sakdinoi Kosum, 1.

Jose Bisbal beat Bob Allotey, 10. Takeshi Nakamura drew with Cho Dong-Gin, 10. Rocky Gattellari kayoed Ronnie DeCost, 10. Senen Rios halted Felix Archer, 3, kayoed by Octavio Gomez, 6.

Jackie Brown beat Carl Taylor, 8. Terry Go stopped Billy Brown, 8. Gonzale Vargas halted Gallito Camacho, 10. Amando Najera stopped Humberto Zacarias, 2. Marcelino Luna beat Eloy Gaona, 6.

Eduardo Alvarado outpointed Pedro Torres, 8. Luis Vargas stopped Jose Suarez, 10. Rosendo Jimenez halted Chamaco Arenas, 3. Enrique Torres beat Roberto Garcia, 10.

Julio Guerrero kayoed Manuel Avendano, 4. Genaro Gonzalez whipped Rosendo Jimenez, 10. Lorenzo Gutierrez beat Jose Vargas, 10.

Relempago Zarate halted Leoncito Hernandez, 9. Juan Peralta outpointed Baby Valdez, 10. Daniel Gutierrez won from Romiro Garcia, 10. Joel Garcia drew with Fructuoso Torres, 10. Chucho Garcia kayoed Manuel Avendano, 4.

Cris Avila beat Octavio Sanchez, 8. Enrique Sanchez outpointed Eusebio Honorato, 4. Rolando Manuel kayoed Dio Pitalbo, 2.

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By JERSEY JONES

Busy Year For Title Bouts

WITH a couple of months still to go, 1966 has already established itself as the busiest year for world championship bouts the international sock market has known in a decade or more.

With the one exception of the welterweight's, every world title has been fought for at least once, and a couple of the major weight divisions have produced at least two championship outings—with others coming up.

To date, however, only two new champions—middleweight Emile Griffith and flyweight Walter McGowan—have been crowned.

These statistics do not include the World Boxing Association's heavyweight "title", held by elongated Ernie Terrell, or the "junior" laurels. Two of these lesser championships have already switched proprietors, previously unbeaten Nino Benvenuti of Italy journeying to Seoul, South Korea, to drop a decision and the junior middleweight title to local Ki Soo Kim, while another Italian, Sandro Lopopolo, scaled the junior welterweight heights by beating Venezuelan Carlos Hernandez in Rome.

Main activity in championship bouts has been contributed by heavyweight Cassius Marcellus (Muhammad Ali) Clay, whose three starts to date produced victories over George Chuvalo in Toronto and a pair of Britishers, Henry Cooper and Brian London, in England. By the time this appears in print, Clay will have completed another outing with Karl Mildenberger in Frankfurt, Germany—and before 1966 runs its allotted course, there is a strong likelihood he will add another defense to the list. Cleveland Williams is prominently mentioned as Clay's probable opponent in the Houston Astrodome.

Jose Torres has accounted for two winning efforts in defense of the light-heavyweight championship—against Wayne Thornton in Long Island's Shea Stadium and Eddie Cotton in Las Vegas' Convention Center. The Puerto Rican thumper has another defense scheduled—in Puerto Rico with the winner of the European title bout in Rome between Piero del Papa of Italy and Chic Calderwood of Scotland. Torres may risk his laurels again before the year is out, with the opposition supplied by either Roger Rouse in Montana or Dick Tiger in New York.

Via a hotly disputed decision, Tiger was relieved of the middleweight title by Emile Griffith in New York's Madison Square Garden, and Griffith went on to turn back Joey Archer's challenge in the same ring.

Griffith has relinquished the welterweight championship, which he held at the time of his meeting with Tiger, but hadn't defended during the year. No successor to Emile as boss of the 147-pounders has been determined as yet, but something is expected to materialize out of a series of eliminations being conducted throughout the world.

BUSY LITTLE BEES

Carlos Ortiz repulsed one assault on the lightweight crown when he disposed of Johnny Bizzarro in Pittsburgh. Another title defense by the classy Puerto Rican may develop before the end of the year. His managerial directorate is considering offers to accommodate Sugar Ramos in Mexico City and Flash Elorde in either Manila or New York.

Vicente Saldivar retained the featherweight championship in two outings in Mexico City, turning back Floyd Robertson of Ghana and Mitsunori Seki of Japan. There is a lively scramble on for Saldivar's next defense, with Mexico City, Los Angeles, London and Tokyo bidding for it. Fighting Harada, the Japanese ruler of the bantamweight roost, is one of his challengers, and others include Bobby Valdez of San Diego, Mario Diaz of Mexico, Carlos Canete of the Argentine, Richie Sue of Portland, Oregon, Paul Rojas of San Pedro and Howard Winstone, the British and European champion.

The bantamweight championship seems fairly safe in the capable fists of Harada, whose one defense so far produced a victory in Tokyo over the former title-holder, Eder Jofre of Brazil. Harada's chief rivals are Jesus Pimental of Los Angeles, Joey Medel of Mexico, Valdemiro Pinto of Brazil, Alan Rudkin, the British champion, and Mimun ben Ali of Spain, the European title-holder. Harada may take on one of them in the next couple of months, with Tokyo, Los Angeles or London as the likely site.

The flyweight laurels found a new proprietor when Walter McGowan of Scotland whipped the Italian veteran, Salvatore Burruni, in London. McGowan's leading challenger is Horacio Accavallo of the Argentine, but two Japanese, Katsuyoshi Takayama and Kyoshi Tanabe, also are rated highly in the list of contenders.

The synthetic "junior" divisions may also produce further championship action this year. Italy is angling for a return match between the Korean, Ki Soo Kim, and Benvenuti, while Flash Elorde, who hasn't risked his junior lightweight laurels this year, limiting his ring activity to non-title bouts, may gamble with his championship against the Spain-based Cuban, Jose Legra, his No. 1 challenger. The bout is being considered for Elorde's base, Manila.

The W.B.A. heavyweight "champion", Ernie Terrell, is still chasing after Cassius Clay, and Madison Square Garden is reported angling for the match. Lanky Terrell, in his one defense

of the "title" in 1966, trounced Doug Jones in Houston, and, aside from the possible Clay engagement, has no other important bouts in the offing.

Regardless of what happens between now and January 1, 1967, the current annum has already established itself as the most industrious year for championship activity boxing has known since the mid-'50s.

MIDGET SMITH COUNTED OUT

Recollections of the halcyon days of bantamweights in the U.S.A. were revived with the news of Midget Smith's passing at the age of 66.

The Midget—christened William Joseph—never was a world champion, but he came as close to being one as any fighter could. He stepped along with all the 118-pound topliners of the flourishing 1920s—Johnny Buff, Joe Lynch, Little Jack Sharkey, Memphis Pal Moore, Roy Moore, Joe Burman, Young Montreal, Earl Puryear, Bud Taylor, Eddie (Cannonball) Martin, Eddie Anderson, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Kid Williams, Pete Herman and the rest—and after some 70 bouts spread all over the American landscape, he ended his ring career in 1927 with an impressive winning percentage.

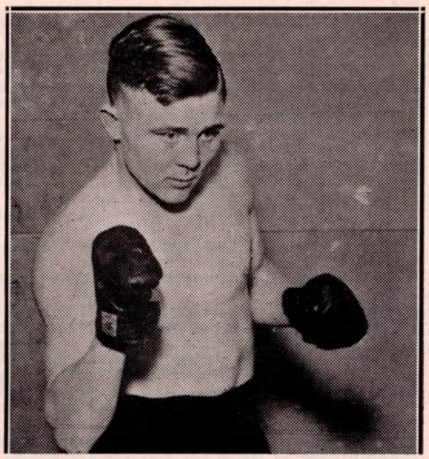
Smith was an Army veteran of both World Wars. In the first, he served in the infantry in Panama, where he began boxing. In the second, he saw plenty of Europe and North Africa with the 817th Aviation Engineers.

Early ring success during his hitch in Panama inspired the Midget to go in for professional leather-tossing when he returned to New York late in 1919. Operating under the managerial wing of Harry Neary, his rise was rapid. After several minor victories on the small-time circuit, he made his Madison Square Garden debut in the semi-final to the 1920 bantam title bout in which Joe Lynch wrested the 118-pound laurels from Pete Herman. The Midget's opponent was fast, clever, experienced Phil Franchini of Brooklyn. The result was a sensation. The chunky little Harlem Irishman, with a furious opening assault, demolished Franchini in 21 seconds.

Although Smith went on from there to establish himself as one of the world's top bantams, he was given only one crack at the championship, and that was in December, 1922, when he lost a tough 15-round decision to Lynch in the Garden.

The last time we saw the Midget was at Lynch's home in New City, N.Y., where Joe was postmaster. The occasion, in December, 1947, was the 25th anniversary of that title bout.

What Smith was doing in recent years, we wouldn't know, and the recent obituary item on him, appearing in the New York *Times*, was the first we had heard of him since that party in New City.



The late Midget Smith, as he shaped up during his peak years as one of world's topline bantamweights.

THESE AND THOSE

The late Moose Taussig of San Francisco, whose passing we noted in these columns last month, was, among other things, an entertaining raconteur, with a wealth of interesting anecdotes. One of his favorites was about a fighter who had been refused a drink in a saloon and indignantly banged his fist on the bar. Just then (this was in 1906) the earthquake hit San Francisco. The saloon shivered and shook, bottles and glasses shattered, and the walls and ceiling began to come apart. The startled fighter apologized to the equally startled bartender—for rapping the bar so hard!

The long-time lively but recently comatose Michigan fight center, Detroit, is undergoing another attempted revival of professional boxing. This time the campaign is conducted by Ray Scott, forward and captain of the Detroit Pistons of the National Basketball Association. As president of the newly-organized Sportsmen Boxing Club, Inc., Scott is operating on a two-shows-monthly basis in Cobo Arena, in downtown Detroit, and paying special attention to the encouragement of promising young local talent.

Peter Paul Giacoma, 50, who died recently in Murray, Utah, had long been active in the state's boxing activities, as fighter, coach and referee. A native of Salt Lake City, he had been Inter-Mountain amateur welterweight champion in 1938-39. In recent years Giacoma had been prominent in the state's labor union affairs, but found time to act as director of the Murray Boys and Girls Club and the local Police Boys Club.

Ex-heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano who, since his retirement from the ring, has been involved in more business ventures than Heinz has food varieties, is now on the payroll of the Flying Tiger (air-freight) Lines as director of special events.

Sports in general and boxing in particular lost a good if controversial friend when a heart attack carried off Clure Mosher, 44, radio and television sportscaster for station WOR. Mosher's athletic background included football service with the University of Louisville and professional Pittsburgh Steelers. He also put in a brief spell as horse-racing handicapper at the Maywood (Ky.) track. Don Criqui, formerly with CBS, is doing a good job filing in Mosher's spot at WOR. The assignment had been declined by Stan Lomax, a veteran in radio and TV sportscasting and 40-odd years of sports writing for New York newspapers. "Too busy" was Stan's explanation for turning down the job.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Joe Woodman is celebrating the 93rd anniversary of his arrival on this troubled globe. Joe hasn't been in the best of health these last few years—he's survived a couple of rugged hospital sieges—but he's continued to keep in touch with ring developments and is still an avid fight buff.

Another grand old-timer with a birthday coming up is Sam Taub, veteran newspaperman and radio sportscaster, who'll be 80.

Applying for a Ring charter in the National Veteran Boxers Association, Earl Puryear writes from Omaha: "This once great fight center is only a memory. Ring action has almost completely disappeared. Very few old-timers are around. Most of the good ones still alive have checked out for other parts. Bearcat Wright, crippled with arthritis, has moved to drier and warmer San Antonio. Tommy Grogan and Tiger Jack Payne are in town, and perhaps two or three others make up the entire population of former Omaha fighters still living here. We have a Nebraska Veteran Boxers organization, and would like to join the National V.B.A., which I feel can be a vital force in future boxing in the U.S.A." . . . Puryear, a topline bantamweight of yesteryear, is another old-timer with a birthday due shortly—he'll be 78.

Hopes of completing the new (and 4th) Madison Square Garden in time to open for business during the fall of 1967 may have been dimmed somewhat by the recent walkout of construction unions. Progress was stalled several weeks at least. The building, atop the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, was going up rapidly until work was halted by the strike.

It's getting near that time again—the annual voting for Boxing's Hall of Fame, housed in the offices of The Ring. Ballots will go out shortly to some 500 eligible voters all over the world. Established in 1954, the Hall's total membership at present is 87 (22 Pioneers, 42 Old-Timers and 23 Moderns), and with this year's elections, the number should start closing in on the century mark.

JABS AND JOLTS

Ye Olde Campaigner, Freddie Eisenstadt, occasional contributor to The Ring, was a recent mugging victim in the hallway of his Bronx apartment house. The guy grabbed Eisenstadt around the neck, pressed a knife to his temple and helped himself to some cash Freddie had just been paid for a magazine article. By way of adding insult to injury, the mugger, as he departed, belted Eisenstadt with a left hook to the jaw. Freddie staggered but didn't go down, convincing him he could still take a punch. Asked why he didn't punch back when he had the chance, Freddie explained that he didn't like the odds—the mugger was still holding the knife.

Latest reports from Colorado Springs have former world welterweight champion (1946) Marty Servo progressing favorably at the Penrose Hospital. Marty has had a rough time of it this past year, and recently suffered complications following leg surgery.

Veteran Dan (Doc) Avery, long prominent in New England boxing circles, is confined to his home (194 South Main Street, Sharon, Mass., 02067), recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Avery, who has reached age 74, hasn't lost any of his keen enthusiasm for ring doings, and when he's up and about again intends starting a hunt for a "good young Irish heavyweight." As we've observed often enough in these columns, nothing springs more eternal than the optimism of a tradesman in this profession.

Personable Norman Rothschild, who did so well with topline welterweight and middleweight ventures—promoting or co-promoting 15 of Carmen Basilio's outings and 11 of Gene Fullmer's—suffered a heavy blow when fire burned out his popular Tubbert's Restaurant in Syracuse. With his vision, enterprise and enthusiastic hustle and bustle, Rothschild had established himself as one of America's top boxing entrepreneurs when he suddenly drifted away from the scene a few years ago, but he's thinking seriously of getting back into the sock market when his eatery. being restored, is again in business. With conditions as and what they are nowadays, boxing would welcome Normie's return to action.

Definite dates for the annual convention of the National Veteran Boxers Association, to be held in Paterson, N.J., have been set for October 21, 22 and 23, with the Alexander Hamilton Hotel as headquarters. One of the main items on the agenda will concern the progress of the various member Rings in their efforts to seek pension welfare funds in their communities for ill and indigent ex-boxers.

Another obit item to reach us just as we were going to press with this issue reported the passing of veteran promoter-manager Jack Laken in Detroit, where he'd been ill for several months. Jack, who was about 70, was a real carpet-bagger. He seldom remained very long in any location. and was constantly on the move. During his nearly a half-century in this industry, he must have operated in every state in the Union, and his promotions totalled well in the hundreds, although the majority of them were of the one-night-stand variety.

Nigerian featherweight Joe (Rafiu) King. currently campaigning out of Abidjan in West Africa, is eager for another jaunt to the United States.

George Sheppard, who has been helping to revive professional boxing in Scranton, Pa., reports that his Israeli welterweight, "King" David Nahon, who campaigned in the U.S. a few years ago with only two lost decisions in 27 outings, is training for another ring program. Since his return home, the King has taken unto himself a Queen and an interest in a profitable business venture, but the old boxing bug has bitten him again and he's determined to resume his leather-tossing career.

THE MONTH THAT WAS IN NEW YORK:

Total ring activity in the metropolitan area these last four weeks was limited to two shows—one in the outdoor Freeport Stadium and the other in air-conditioned Madison Square Garden—which still was an improvement over the previous month, with its one card.

After a discouraging time trying to line up an attractive main event at Freeport—several matches, with Buster Mathis, Hubert Hilton and Harold Richardson among those involved, failed to materialize—the O'Rourkes finally put together a card that, in spite of threatened rain, attracted nearly 800 customers and gross receipts of $2,841, giving the promoters at least an even

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BOXING FROM THAILAND
By R. Lohtong

Thongchai Supasamuth, 112, drew with Ric Magramo, 112, Filippino flyweight champion, at Rajamnern Stadium.

Pornghai Popraingarm, 119, TKO's Kanpetch Sorn-Pajorn, 119, in the first round after sending him to the canvas three times at Rajdamnern Stadium.

Sighsiam Thepyothain, 128, won a close decision over Chokchai Krisanachai, 127, in an 8-round bout at Lumphini Stadium.

Undefeated Sakdinoy S. Kosump, 114, upcoming flyweight, won by KO in 5th round over Lekpetch Luknakornchaisri, 116, at Rajdamnern Stadium.

HARADA SCORES AS FEATHER, BUT WILL STICK TO BANTIES
By Joe Y. Koizumi

TOKIO, JAPAN:—There has been quite a rally in Japanese boxing. National and Orient champions have livened the action and the fans have shown their appreciation.

There was keen interest in the match in which Fighting Sarada, world bantam champion, tried his skill as a featherweight. Coming in at 124¾ against 120¾ for Dio Espinosa, Philippines, Harada won with ease. But he was not as sharp and fast as he had been at the bantam limit.

As a result, Harada announced that he would restrict his activities to the 118 pound class.

Espinosa took a lot of punishment from the champion in the 10 rounds but there were no knockdowns. The fight was held at Hokkaido, Sapporo City.

Katsuhiro Harada, 117½, brother of the champion, outpointed Yoshihiro Kawakami, 116¾, in the semi-final eight. Kazuo Nishi, 1965 Shinjin-o winner, decisioned Kenji Koyama in 6. They weighed 135. Katsukichi Nakajima beat Masaru Hattori in 6. They are flyweights.

▶ At Korakuen Hall in Tokyo, Toshimasa Hasegawa, 120½, stopped Akio Furuki, 122, in the sixth round.

▶ Undefeated Takao Sajurai, 120, defeated South Korean Un-Mo Oh, 115, 10 heats at Miyagi Prefectural Sports Center, Sendai. The Japanese was too fast for the shorter and lighter Korean.

Kengo Kitagawa, 135, TKO'd Taketeru Yoshimoto, 135, in the sixth round in the semi-final eight.

(147 lbs.)—Masakatsu Narita and Kenji Ishida drew in 6.

(112 lbs.)—Yoshihiko Soma outpointed Masaya Sata in 6.

(126 lbs.)—Hiroshi Inuzuka kayoed Morikazu Furushiro in 1.

(118 lbs.)—Fuminori Yazawa stopped Hiromi Kozanai in 4.

▶ Chun-Won Kang, 122½, South Korea, the Orient junior featherweight kingpin, gained a unanimous duke over Kiyohide Yutsudo, 122½, at Korakuen Hall in 10. Kang outclassed the Japanese, who was decked in the second canto.

(118 lbs.)—Koji Ikeda outpointed Kazuoshi Kanazawa in 6. Minoru Sato decisioned Noboru Ichinomiya in 4.

(112 lbs.)—Shigeru Shosen defeated Kenji Komoro in 4.

(126 lbs.)—Mamoru Minami won from Asao Date in 4.

(135 lbs.)—Hajime Sugawara beat Toshihiro Watanabe in 4.

▶ Hard punching Katsuya Nakano, 147½, scored his fifth consecutive kayo win by stopping Hiromitsu Fujita, 151¼, in the second round at Korakuen Hall.

Southpaw Nakano dropped Fujita for the mandatory eight count in the second. The slugger landed a volley of punches and Fujita was out for the full count.

(126 lbs.)—In the semi-final eight Ko Ichihara beat Hideo Tokuda. Masao Yoshida drew with Tatsuo Takahashi in 4.

(135 lbs.)—Masao Tsuji stopped Akinori Sasaki in 2. Hitoshi Sudo outpointed Hiroshi Kurumazuka in 4.

(118 lbs.)—Norihiro Hajima and Masao Atami in 4.

(112 lbs.)—Masao Suzuki won from Keisuke Miki in 4. Mototada Miyazaki beat Masaru Kyushu in 4. Eiichi Asano outpointed Noboru Nagai in 4.

▶ Tetsuya Yamagami, 119, and Filipino Henry Acido, 117¼, drew in 10 rounds. It was the most disappointing and shameful contest seen in the Korakuen Hall. Yamagami lost one point because he hit the Filipino after the bell in the fifth round. Katsuyuki Kawabata drew with Misao Yamane in a flyweight bout and Ko Okuyama outpointed Masaji Igarashi in 4 in the same class.

(147 lbs.)—Tsutomu Fujikura halted Riki Kaigawa in 4.

(118 lbs.)—Takeshi Kato beat Ko Yuasa in 6. Tomomitsu Kudo outpointed Toshio Shigeaki Mori, in 4.

(126 lbs.)—Masashige Nakajima whipped Kunio Matsuyama in 4.

(135 lbs.)—Mikio Yokoi won from Toshio Kimura in 4. Koichi Otomaru decisioned Akira Takano in 4.

▶ Unbeaten Hidenori Tanaka, 138½, whipped Shigeru Ogihara, 137¾, in a 10 rounder at Abeno Gymnasium, Osaka. All the 4 rounders follow.

(118 lbs.)—Shinichi Hara outpointed Janzaburo Ikeda. Yoshiaki Yamamoto kayoed Masatoshi Sakata in 1. Kazuhiro Jindai won from Masanobu Miyashita. Munetoshi Okuda stopped Takao Yamamoto in 3.

(126 lbs.)—Daisuke Inoue knocked out Taruhito Yamashita in 3.

(135 lbs.)—Saiji Matsumoto halted Masayuki Ogasawara in 3.

(147 lbs.)—Yoshio Tanimoto kayoed Mamoru Murakami in 1.

▶ Muneo Mizoguchi, 154, became the first junior middleweight king of Japan by winning a unanimous nod over Nakao Sasazaki, 151, in a rough 10 round elimination tiff at Korakuen Hall. The winner's longer reach and height prevent Sasazaki from scoring solid blows.

Eigo Takagi, 118½, continued his winning streak by beating veteran Tatsuya Takami, 120, in a supporting ten. Shoichi Maruoka stopped Shotaro Aida in the sixth and final round of a bantam bout.

4 rounders—

(118 lbs.)—Yukio Masukawa beat Kazuo Fujiwara. Noboru Matsuoka outpointed Yoshinari Shimada.

(126 lbs.)—Yoshio Tsuchiko decisioned Hiroyasu Hayashi.

(112 lbs.)—Seiichi Nishioka and Shoji Wasa fought to a drew.

▶ Fujio Mikami, 134, won the vacant Japan lightweight crown with a split decision over Hidemori Tsujimoto, 134½, in a close 10. There were few exchanges of punches. The interesting bout was booed by the 1,800 fans at Osaka Prefectural Gym.

Tusjimoto, local favorite, tried to outjab the opponent. However Mikami's counter punches were more effective. Referee Ishiwatarido and Judge Kashiwagi tabbed it 49-47 and 48-47 for Mikami, but Judge Kato saw it a draw 49-49.

The title had been relinquished by former champ Noriyoshi Toyoshima, who hung up gloves due to his eye ailment.

(112 lbs.)—Sekiya Matsumura halted Setsuo Suzuki in the seventh round of the semi-final eight. Hideo Miyamoto upset Iwao Kitano in 6. Fumiharu Shimabukuro drew with Tiger Kametani in 4.

(118 lbs.)—Tskeshi Suetsugu outpointed Kenichi Asano in 4.

(126 lbs.)—Hiroshi Takagi kayoed Yoshiyuki Kochi in 1. Kenji Hirai and Kunitate Maeda fought to a draw in 4.

▶ Welterweight prospect Kunio Yoshida, 142¾, upset Rocky Alarde, 141¾, of the Philippines and Oriental junior welterweight boss, by a split decision in fast 10 rounds at Korakuen Hall. Yoshida cleverly maneuvered the Filipino and countered him with straight rights.

(126 lbs.)—Michiyo Sekiguchi decisioned Masaya Sato in 6. Toshiyuki Fukuchi drew with Hiroo Shishido in 4.

(112 lbs.)—Masayuki Yokota whipped Katsuji Yoshida in 6.

(118 lbs.)—Yoshinobu Tanigami and Kenji Katsu fought to a draw in 4.

(135 lbs.)—Katsuya Kawashima beat Isao Miyata in 4.

▶ Paul Takeshi Fujii, 140½, Japan's junior welterweight champion, proved he was too strong for Byung-Oh Chang, 140½, from South Korea by stopping the Korean in the second round of a scheduled main event ten. The quick kayo took place at Yamagata Prefectural Gymnasium, Yamagata.

Fujii's body blows dropped the Korean for the full count. Paul, who wants to fight stronger opponents, is scheduled to meet Filipino Rocky Alarde for the Orient jr. welterweight crown. Norio Endo upset Takanobu Ochiai on points in 8 in a lightweight bout and bantam Shigemi Watanabe decisioned Toshi Fakabayashi in 4. Shunsaku Ikeda and Wataru Yamamoto drew in 4. They are bantams.

▶ Toyoharu Mizuta, 124, proved himself stronger than Katsutoshi Aoki, 123½, former Oriental bantamweight king, in their 10 round rematch at Korakuen Hall. Mizuta had won an upset nod over Aoki in a local fight. He was also a winner in Tokyo. Mizuta's attack, with speed and timing, was excellent Featherweight Shinichi Kakizawa outpointed Kenichi Oami in 6 and flyweight Hiroshi Yamada whipped Hisashi Saito in 6.

▶ Fast raising featherweight Nobuo Chiba, 127½, won a unanimous decision from southpaw Yuji Amashima, 128, in 10 in the Korakuen Hall. Chiba's speedy tactics overwhelmed the lefthander through the slugfest. Chiba moved too fast for Amashima.

In the companion ten, Hiroshi Shioji, 136¼, whipped Yuji Tsukuba, 132¼, on points. 2000 fans, a packed house cheered the double attraction.

▶ On the same night, at Abeno Gymnasium in Osaka, hard punching Akihisa Someya, 133¾, stopped Filipino Al Fuentes, 135, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten.

FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

SYDNEY—Rocky Marciano, his wife and daughter spent three weeks visiting Australia. The former heavyweight champion received a royal welcome. He came to Australia both to visit our country and to look after his flyweight boxer, Ronnie De Cost, who met our champion, Rocky Cattellari.

Cattellari was far too good for De Cost. Referee Vic Patrick called a halt half-way through the 10th round to save the American from further punishment.

Cattellari was brilliant. He used solid punches and combinations and was too fast for De Cost.

This was Gattellari as we know him, not the nervous, frozen boy who met Salvatore Burruni last December. If Rocky could have regarded Burruni as just another fighter, he conceivably would have won the world flyweight title.

De Cost made himself popular with the large crowd by his gameness. Although the American did not win a round he showed outstanding courage and toughness.

There were no knockdowns but De Cost was almost out in the second round.

After the fight Marciano said to me: "I don't know how Burruni beat Gattellari. He certainly would not have beaten him tonight."

▶ At the St. George Leagues Club, Kagarah, the following night, Norm "Kid" Langford won the Australian junior-welterweight title by comfortably outpointing the holder, Gary Cowburn over 12 rounds. It was a hard fight but not sensational. As referee, I had an easy job in controlling the bout and awarding the decision.

On the subject of refereeing, I recently was detailed to draw up the rules to govern Australian referees. Then we referees met to discuss them. No alterations were made of original script and these rules will be published soon.

▶ HSV7, a TV Channel in Melbourne, has promoted two fight-nights in its studio recently, each consisting of an eight-round main-event and three three-rounders (all professional). In the first broadcast, Kimpo Amarfio knocked out Arthur Thomas in 31 seconds. They are lightweights.

In the second, Gary Ford had a comfortable points win over Charlie Leo in a good welter fight. HSV7 intends to promote every three weeks in its studio, with live showing to Melbourne audiences.

▶ At South Sydney Leagues Club, Redfern, Bob Dunlop, 169, had an easy 10-round points win over Don "Bronco" Jones, 160.

▶ If any readers are interested in my books, "Great Australian Fights" and "The Fighting Sands", I still have copies (prices on application). Rocky Marciano and Nat Fleischer read them and enjoyed them. My latest book is a quiz book, with questions and answers on boxing. It will be on sale by the time you read this.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCENE
By Simon Brooke

JOHANNESBURG—Herby Clarke, 132, retained his Transvaal lightweight title when he stopped Japie Steyn, 134, in the eighth round. Steyn, with a hefty punch, remained dangerous until the end.

Manie Agrella, 135½, caused an upset when he outpointed Johnny Toweel, 135½, in six.

Alfie McKnight, 227, returned to action after a year's absence and was a punching bag for Gerrie De Bruyn, 195, South African heavy champion. He was stopped in the third round.

Tony Wiese, 147, outpointed Wynand Saunders, 147, in six.

Tommy Miller, 185, who keeps showing improvement, stopped Donald DeWaal, 205, in the fourth round. The Van Zyl organization promoted the program.

▶ **PORT ELIZABETH**—Former British Empire flyweight champion Jake Tuli, returned to action after a long absence against Gladstone Zondi, whom he whipped in 8 rounds via a decision.

▶ **JOHANNESBURG**—In a sluggish fight, former lightweight champion Joe Brown was defeated for the third time by South African non-white title holder, Joe N'Gidi. It was an exciting ten rounder before a gathering of 10,000.

Richard Borias outpointed Eric Manlo. They are lightweights. In a welter bout, Willie Seru gained an unpopular decision over Philemon Nkosi in six.

▶ **JOHANNESBURG**—On the undercard in the Ludick-Josselin bout, Happy Pieterie, 159½, stopped Josselin's sparring mate, Victor Emmanyello, in the fourth round.

Johnny Toweel, 137, made up for a previous loss to Mannie Agrella, 136, winning an action-packed four rounder. Pierre Fourie, 154, beat Boet De Bruyn, 160, in four. Ernie Baronet, lost in four to Louis Agrella. They are lightweights.

Marcel Schubach, 144, outpointed Attie Stander, 144 in four. Willie Jansen beat Ticky Azor, in four. They are middleweights.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA
By William Albert

CARACAS—Undefeated Pedro Gomez, 126½, won over Chiquis Rosales, 127, of Mexico in ten rounds.

Rafael Fermin, 118¼, of Dominican Republic, kayoed Chucho Castañeda, 119, of Mexico in two rounds. Fermin scored two knockdowns.

Juan Jose Arcia, 144, stopped Hector Mendoza, 143, in two rounds.

Hilario Diaz, 112, defeated Irene Maestre, 112, in six.

Alfredo Marcano, 125, outpointed Carlos Rojas, 124, in six.

MARACAIBO—Raul Lizardo, 118, defeated Eliodoro Pitalua, 120, of Columbia in ten rounds. José "Pajarito" Ferrer, 120, outpointed Martin Rivas, 122, in ten.

Mario Lobo, 112, won over Enrique Calatayud, 112, in six. Rafael Valbuena, 127, defeated Manuel Rodriguez, 126, in six. Victor Palencia, 125, defeated Beliz de Jesus, 127, in four rounds.

BOXING FROM PANAMA AND COLON
By Luis "Lucho" Craig

NATIONAL GYM—Luis Patino, 121, won a unanimous ten round decision over current bantamweight boss, Eugenio Hurtado, who weighed 118½.

In the semi-final ten, Salvador Carmargo, 109, whipped veteral Manuel Moreno, 112. Carmargo, fighting his first ten, paced himself well, and won as he pleased. The decision was unanimous.

Hector Sanchez, 131, fought a determined battle to annex the unanimous duke from Ceferino Borbua, 133, in the six round main preliminary.

Young Guillermo Porter, 112, and veteran Herbert Locke, 113, staged a war in the curtain four. The officials voted a draw.

ARENA-COLON—Senen Rios, 113, knocked out Felix Archer, 112, in the third round. Archer was up against a contender who can give an argument to the best flyweights in the world.

Julio Davis, 122, remained undefeated by whipping stubborn Rodrigo Allen, 119, in a six rounder.

Carlos Harris, 118, and Nato Marcel, 119, drew in four.

Rolando Biggs, and Mario Phillips also drew in the curtain four. These youngsters are featherweights.

The gross gate was $815.00.

ARENA DE COLON—Julio Davis, 119, maintained his unblemished record by winning a unanimous decision over Agustin Cedeno, 118, in 8 rounds.

Rodrigo Allen, 118, knocked out Felix Castillo, 119, in 1.26 of the third round.

Roberto Antioco, 120, kayoed Benito Urrutia, 119, in the fifth.

Luis Osses, 114 garnered a unanimous decision over Carlos Harris, 115, in the four round curtain raiser.

The gross was $518.00

CRUZ RALLIES ON DERADO; NARVAEZ BEATS BIZZARRO

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO—Cushioned by a strong early lead, Carlos (Teo) Cruz, 132, was able to offset a strong rally by Argentinian Vicente Derado, 132, to gain a split decision in ten rounds in Bithorn Stadium.

Teo started in high gear and punched with authority in the early sessions. Derado, on the other hand, concentrated his attack to the body with no apparent effect on the boy from Santo Domingo.

However, Derado's early body massage began to show results in the seventh round, his best, as he began to accumulate points with short hooks to the body and head at close quarters.

Although Cruz did not have too much steam behind his punches in the closing rounds, he managed to come back strong in the tenth round to gain the decision.

The voting was close, with referee Colon-Garcia scoring 97-95 and judge Carrasquillo 97-96 in favor of Cruz, while Judge Fernandez made it 99-98 for Derado.

In a companion ten rounder, lightweight Frankie Narvaez was awarded an unpopular ten round decision over Johnny Bizzarro. With interest high in the man who gave Carlos Ortiz a scare recently in Pittsburgh before being kayoed in the twelfth round, Bizzarro displayed good boxing technique against a frustrated Narvaez.

Frankie was always pressing the action but was never able to catch up to the fast moving Bizzarro. Action-wise, it was a complete reversal from the Cruz-Derado fight. Bizzarro was continually hooted because he didn't stand up and fight but neither did Narvaez please, because of his inability to catch up to his man.

Manny Gonzalez, handler of Narvaez, insisted that Frankie's aggressiveness and harder and cleaner punches had won him the fight. "Frankie did not land many, but Bizzaro landed fewer. Johnny wasn't boxing, he was running," said Gonzalez. However, Johnny's countering and defense outweighed Frankie's aggressiveness.

Voting was unanimous with referee Daniels scoring 96-95, Judge Carrasquillo 99-92 and Judge Fernandez 98-97; all in favor of Narvaez.

Featherweight Jose Alonso showed surprising progress in scoring a knockout in 2:19 of the third over Fremio Jimenez, of Santo Domingo. The more experienced Jimenez was winging them from all angles from the very beginning, but Alonso kept calm, bided his time, and scored effectively with a left jab until the opening presented itself for the knockout blow: A hard right spilled Jimenez on his face.

In the opening four round bout, featherweight Josue Marquez made his professional debut a successful one in scoring a decision over Alberto Jorge.

BOXING IN COLOMBIA
By Oscar Vergara Ramos

CARTAGENA—Antonio "Mochila" Herrear of Colombia, 130, won by a TKO over Vicente Arias of Venezuela, in the opening round.

German Gastelbondo, 134, won by decision over Jesús "Chico" Gonzalez, 136, in 10.

Kid Peche, 147, kayoed Andrés Navarro of Venezuela, 145, in the first round.

CERETE—Mario León, 113, and Adalberto Iriarte, 114, drew in 10.

Enrique Higgins, 134, and Eugenio Hurtado, 135, drew in 10.

Lightweight Miguel Herrera won over Alfonso "Peludo" Arnedo on points in 10. This was the winners first professional bout.

CARTAGENA—Rodrigo Valdés, 138, won over veteran Elías Lian, 140, on points in 10.

Kid Pambelé, 123 and Reynaldo López, 124, drew in 10.

In lightweight bout, Carlos Vasquez and Orlando Pineda, drew in 10 rounds.

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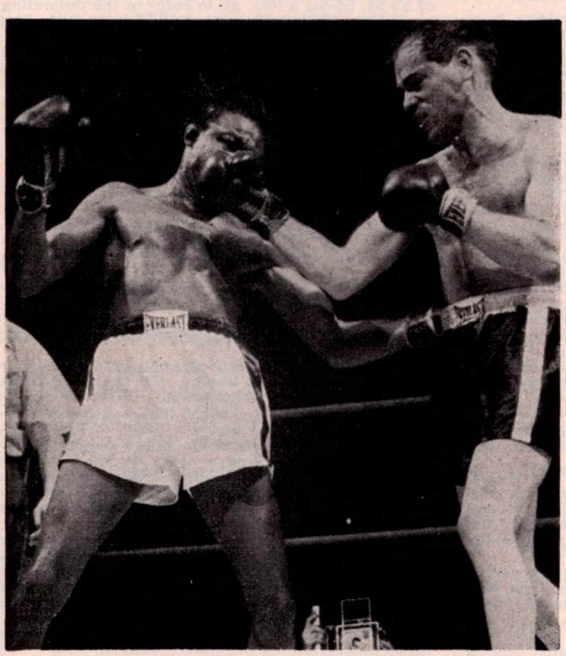

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PELLEGRINI AND PUGH PACE CRESCENT CITY BOXING RALLY

By Ike Morales

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Boxing in this ancient city has taken a new lease on life, and the reason could very well be the return of Jerry Pellegrini and Percy Pugh to competition. Popular with the customers, Jerry and Percy lost no time moving into main events. Pellegrini is a welterweight, Pugh a junior-welter.

Pellegrini has engaged in five fights since returning to the game after a two-year-layoff, and he won all five by knockouts. Jerry's victims included Preston Price (2); Dean Whitlock (2); Orlando Ruiz (2); Tim Ford (4), and Colin Frazer (1).

Since his return to the sport in December 1965, Pugh has scored six straight victories. He twice defeated Joe Barrientes in 10 rounders; stopped Benito Juarez in five; decisioned Sugar Cliff in 10; outpointed Sweet Herbie Lee in 10; and outpointed Severa Balboa, Texas, in 10.

Lee and Balboa entered the ring with Pugh unbeaten. Lee had racked up 19 straight before bowing to Pugh, while Balboa was unbeaten in 25 fights until he was whipped by Percy on July 25.

Lou Messina, of the New Orleans Boxing Club, and Mike Cusimano, of the Garden Boxing Club, are keeping in the black with regular shows featuring Pugh or Pellegrini.

Sweet Herbie Lee, 19-year-old Washington, D.C., schoolboy, was anxious to meet Pugh, following Lee's easy 10-round victory over Blackie Zamora, the Texas titleholder in Municipal Auditorium.

Lee and Zamora co-featured the Garden Boxing Club's program. Karl Zurheide, Texas lightheavyweight, kept his unbeaten string intact by stopping Henry "Sleepy" Mathews in the fifth round.

In Lee's debut in a New Orleans ring, his unblemished record was marred by Pugh, who came from behind to eke out a close win. At the time, Lee had chalked up 12 straight victories. Now, with a 13-1 record, Herbie merits a chance to turn the tables on his only conqueror.

Weighing 139 pounds, Lee won every round from the Texan, who came in at 135. Zamora failed to land a damaging blow throughout the 10 rounds.

Zurheide, University of Houston sophomore, backed Mathews, Brunswick, Ga., math teacher, into the ropes early in the fifth round. Zurheide, confident from the start, went after his foe like a tiger, swinging combinations at his head and body. Zurheide then backed Mathews into a corner, and clubbed him with lefts and rights. Referee Eddie Brown stopped the bout after one minute of the fifth round.

Zurheide chalked up his 11th victory without a blemish, while Mathews, who reportedly came into the fight unbeaten, is now 24-1-2. Zurheide weighed 169½ pounds, Mathews, 172½.

Mark Tessman, 172½, Houston, opened a small cut under the left eye of Gene Romero, 175, of Lafayette, La., and went on to score a five-round decision over the former golden-glover. Tessman, who had won his first three pro fights by knockouts, scored best with club-like lefts.

In the opening bout, Gary Pannell, 131½, used a tantalizing jab to gain a unanimous four-round decision over Joe Gans, 137½.

▸ Marvin Jenson, former manager of ex-middleweight king Gene Fullmer, was here to attend the annual conference of the National Association of Counties.

Marvin always likes to talk boxing—especially about "Mr. Clean", the non-drinking, non-smoking, busy-punching mink rancher from West Jordan, Utah.

"I began handling Gene when he was an ambitious eight-year-old amateur," said Jenson. "And the number one goal in his life has always been missionary work for his church. This was true despite his love for boxing. His mother, incidentally, was a real boxing fan. She named Gene after Gene Tunney."

Marvin said Fullmer travels widely, speaking to youth groups. He's been a successful mink rancher for years, but now he's also breeding quarter horses, has two $40,000 homes, one of which he rents, and he's a director of a bank.

▸ Joe Gunther, wrestling hero of the late 1930's, has been granted a promoter's license by the Louisiana Commission. Gunther, who promoted mat shows here from the early 1940's until 1964, had lined up his first show for August 25 in Municipal Auditorium. Gunther's biggest promotion was in 1961 when the Dick the Bruiser-Cowboy Ellis bout grossed $7,500.

▸ Amateur boxers from Cleveland invaded the Crescent City to meet the local simon-pures in an inter-city attraction at St. Rita's Gym, and went home with one victory in five.

Jimmy Trosclair, Wego AC, won an impressive victory over Cleveland's Jerry Meyer in the 126-pound division. Al Rivas, St. Mary's, defeated Cleveland's Chris Carroll, in the 135-pound division. Nickey Pirola, National AAU champion from the Lake Charles AC, defeated Cleveland's Leroy Krimbrook in the 118-pound vision.

Tony Licato, St. Mary's, defeated Al Carroll of Cleveland in the 130-pound class. Cleveland's Joe Kovack defeated Chuck Mince, Wego AC, in the 147-pound division for the only decision registered by the Ohio group. Licata, Terry Pullen and Rivas are rated among the foremost amateur boxers in the city, according to Charley Young, States-Item sports scribe who has "covered" a majority of the ring shows in amateur circles.

Licata, according to Young, is only 14 years of age and has scored four straight victories. Tabbed as a good puncher with quick hands. Weighs 130 pounds. Pullen will be heard from after a little more experience.

ZYGLEWICZ RETAINS TEXAS HEAVY TITLE

By Harlan Haas

HOUSTON, TEX.: Dave Zyglewicz, current Texas heavyweight king (186), and Sonny Moore, former State champ (206) hooked up in a slam-bang 10-round split-decision battle at the Coliseum with Ziggy edging the veteran from Dallas mainly due to a fast start. Moore was overpowered in the first five rounds by the rugged former Navy champ from Watervliet, N. Y.

In the sixth round Moore changed tactics. He began to backpedal. He fared somewhat better but Ziggy kept charging. Moore opened a cut over Ziggy's left eyebrow in the eight. The eye closed, and Referee Jimmy Webb was somewhat apprehensive about letting the fight continue.

In the final round Ziggy fought like a wildman, and this won for him.

Judge Earl Keel tabbed it 96-95 for Ziggy, Judge Chris Jordan scored it 97-94 for the Polish muscle man, and Referee Jimmy Webb saw it in favor of Moore, 99-93.

Little Steve Freeman didn't need judges in his battle with scrappy Joe Barrientes, the Dallas stablemate of Sonny Moore. Freeman, a former National AAU featherweight champ and GG finalist, let Barrientes show off for four rounds then struck hard.

Barrientes started a right hand. Freeman beat him to the punch with a perfect left hook. Lil' Joe's knees sagged. Two more left hooks and a smashing right sent the Big D gamester reeling across the ring.

A combination of blows sent him catapulting through the ropes and onto a teletype machine. Needless to say he was out.

To win the National AAU title several years back, the 23-year old native of Lake Jackson kayoed three opponents in one round each. It was Freeman's 20th pro win against 3 losses, and 2 draws. Freeman weighed 133, Barrientes 139.

Manuel Gonzalez, in his first fight since losing a 15-round title fight to the then welterweight champ Emile Griffith last December, requested only 2:02 to knock out Mel Sartin, of New Orleans. A smashing left hook, and booming right hand, sent the claret spraying from the Crescent City 150 pounder's nose, and he crumpled to the deck. Manny scaled 151, Sartin 150.

A six round bout opened the show. Mike Tunney, 154, Portland, Ore., stopped willing Dean Whitelock, 152, Houston, in the fifth round. Tunney was returning to action after a two-year layoff.

▸ At San Antonio, Jesus Pimentel, 120, Mexico, threw punches at tough little Cowboy Billy Smith, 117, of Ohio, and wound up gaining a five round technical knockout due to a cut over the eye of Smith.

Doug Agin, 140, Ohio, was impressive as he stormed to a technical knockout over Miguel Hernandez, 142½, Mexico, in the eighth round.

In a third 10-rounder, Marciano Rivas, 124, Mexico, nodded Gene Young, 127½, Ohio, in a real close one.

▸ If you are interested in a 20-page souvenir program of the fight between Ernie Terrell-Doug Jones held in Houston on June 26, send fifty cents to the writer at 4905 Laurel, Bellaire, Texas.

▸ Karl Zurheide, the Texas lightheavy champ, upped his unbeaten record to 12-0 with two victories during the past month. First the Fon du-Lac, Wisconsin native, traveled to New Orleans where he stopped Harold (Sleepy) Mathrews in the fifth round. Zurheide subbed for an ailing Joe Dorsey.

A week later, Zurheide whipped Eugene Idelette at Miami Beach. The University of Houston student is majoring in Social Science.

Mark Tessman, lightheavy who like his stablemate Zurheide is a University of Houston student, also added victories in New Orleans and Miami Beach. He whipped Gene Romero in the Crescent City, and took the measure of Richie Smith on the Beach. He is now 5-0.

Porfirio (Blackie) Zamora lost a 10-rounder to Herbie Lee in New Orleans. . . . Severo (The Kid) Balboa lost a disputed 10-round duke to Percy Pugh in New Orleans . . .

Balboa had won 22 straight without a loss, and with only five days of training he went into Pugh's backyard. The split decision calls for a rematch. . . . Tommy (Hurricane) Sims, veteran 175 pounder is in Europe for a series of fights. Frankie Garza, who is 9-1 as a pro, is back in the gym in Houston getting ready for work Johnny Guebera, Jimmy Lane and Whistlin' Willie Watson are a trio of veteran fighters working out, planning comebacks. . . . Roy (Cookie) Wallace, one of the best amateur heavyweight fighters in the country, has enrolled at Bishop College in Dallas.

▸ Let's turn back the pages of time to November of 1939 via that issue of Ring Magazine. Looking at page, 54, we come to NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS, and note that 18-year old Elby Pettaway had won eight fights in six months as a pro. The brilliant youngster was a World War II fatality. . . . Johnny Ramos, aggressive and hard hitting featherweight, is one of the better prospects in the State.

TEXAS BOXING RESULTS

SAN ANTONIO—Marciano Rivas (124) decisioned Gene Young (127½) ten round. Douglas McArthur Agin (140) Tkayoed Miguel Hernandez (142½) eight rounds. Jesus Pimentel (120) Tkayoed William R. Smith (117) five rounds.

▸ **Houston**—Mike Tunney (154½) Tkayoed Dean Whitlock (154) five rounds. Steve Freeman (132½) Kayoed Joe Barrientes, Jr. (135½) five rounds. Manuel Gonzalez (151) Kayoed Melvin Sartin (161½) one round. Dave Zyglewicz (186) decisioned S. D. "Sonny" Moore (206½) ten rounds.

FROM EDMONTON, ALTA., CANADA

By Jacques A. H. Tachauer

Billy McGrandle, 124½, retained his Canadian Featherweight Championship by taking a twelve round unanimous decision over the ex-title-holder, Rocky MacDougall, 125, of Nova Scotia in a bruising rematch at the Sales Pavilion in the Oil Capital.

The 19 year old Edmontonian had relieved MacDougall of the crown by a decision last June in a slam-bang affair and this one was a carbon copy.

In the fourth McGrandle brought his head into play and MacDougall retaliated by flinging him to the canvas, landing heavily upon him. McGrandle came on strong in the next few rounds and opened a slight cut above the right eye of MacDougall. They stood toe-to-toe and hammered away in the tenth.

In the twelfth, MacDougall went all out to recapture his crown. He tagged McGrandle with four smashing rights but Billy took them well and weathered the challenger's desperate bid for victory.

Scoring by the 5 point must system had cards of 55-54, 56-54, 59-55, all in favor of the defending champion. This writer saw it 56-54 for Billy The Kid.

In the seml final local heavyweights, Harold Kitchen 218, floored Hugh Mercier, 202, with a clubbing right to the temple for the full count at 1:54 of the opening round. The curtain raiser was a crowd pleasing six rounder. Harry Tarpin, 150, Edmonton gained a popular split decision over Rocky Martin, 160, Calgary.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA

By Archie Pirolli

Promotions are being planned for the indoor season in this area. Boxing, for the past three months has been at a standstill.

Promoter Herman Taylor has a show scheduled at the Arena to open the indoor season. Jack Puggy, matchmaker for the Deborah Benefit yearly boxing show, also has a show planned for the Arena. Promoter Lou Lucchessi will stage shows in Reading, Pa., Allentown and Pittsburgh. Jimmy Toppi, Arena owner plans to stage several shows this winter.

Joey Giardello, former middleweight champion who announced his retirement after losing the title to Dick Tiger in Madison Square Garden last October, will return to the ring. His first bout will take place in Reading, Pa., followed by bouts in Allentown and Pittsburgh.

Local gymnasiums are well filled with young talent preparing for the indoor season.

Packey O'Gatty's Chit-Chat . . .

NEW YORK, N.Y.—JACK DEMPSEY, who brought fame to his home town of Manassa, Colorado, was honored and they made a museum of the old log home in which he was born. Dempsey, waving a 10-gallon hat, rode down Main Street in his first visit there in 40 years. Some 5,000 wildly cheering persons turned out to see the Hall of Famer.

Editor Nat Loubet, who has been laid up from that lawn-mowing accident—is coming along okay . . . While strolling along Fifth Avenue, I ran into my old pal Mickey Walker, who had just gotten in from Monmouth Park Race track where he was a guest of his friend Howard Johnson, Jr. Mickey, who has been Ambassador of Good Will for National Distillers, at age 65, is being let out.

On Saturday, November 5, Brooklyn's VBA Ring 21, will hold its 6th Annual Dinner-Dance, at Club 802, in Bay Ridge, honoring members Jackie Snyder, Walter Unger, Chick McCormack and Philly Gillespie . . . It was 39 years ago this month that Mayor Jimmy Walker laid the cornerstone for the N.Y. Athletic Club's new home at Central Park South and 7th Avenue.

Boxing fan N.Y. Supreme Court Justice Charles Marks and his charming wife are back from a European honeymoon . . . There's some petty jealousy in the World Boxing Historians Ass'n, re-electing WILLIE RITCHIE to the WBHA Hall of Fame. Come on boys, grow up—Willie belongs in anyone's Hall of Fame!

Good old Sam Taub, Dan Healy and Senator "Can you top this" Ford, made quite a hit on Jack O'Brian's Sports show on WOR radio. Taub said that the best on boxing is in Nat Fleischer's RING magazine.

The Emile Griffith-Joey Archer world middlewight title bout in MSG drew $102,242 . . . Laszlo Papp, Hungarian triple Olympic gold medalist and former European middleweight champion, of Europe, is coach at the Budapest Honved Club.

To Norris D. McWhirter, Editor, "McGuiness Book of Records"—The referee for the Jimmy O'Gatty-Young Packy McFarland bout of Sept. 16, 1920, at Glens Falls, N.Y. was the first Queensberry world lightweight King to retire undefeated—Jack McAuliffe. O'Gatty, 147 pounds, knocked out McFarland, 175 pounds, five times in one round!!! It was the longest round (Ten minutes) in modern boxing history! In the seventh round McFarland was on the canvas from one to two minutes after each knockdown. Following the fifth K.O. referee McAuliffe awarded the bout to O'Gatty. McAuliffe later explained that he thought it good punching experience for the 18-year old Jimmy.

Here is a group photo of some prominent guests at Brooklyn VBA Ring #21's gala held at Inwood, Long Island, N.Y., recently. (Left to right) Billy Metz, Jackie Snyder, Packey O'Gatty, Post Commander Al Cittadiano, George Mandot, Paul Berlenbach, Charley Varre and August Palleschie. The Veterans of Foreign Wars were entertained at the affair.

Mrs. Margaret Chapman is chairlady of DEMPSEY MUSEUM . . . Georgie Rugg, at a recent meeting of Ring 8, reported that he visited Barney Ross, at the Veterans Research Hospital in Chicago, and that Barney's situation was bad.

Wayne Thornton has given up his insurance agency in Fresno, and goes with a group of insurance men . . . Scoop Gallello lost his uncle Nick, who was very fond of Scoop, and left him $50,000 . . . Patrolman Al Miller, of Rings and 21, is back from Miami Beach, and will soon resume his hobby of taking pictures at veteran boxers' functions.

The Grim-Reaper has claimed Moose Taussig, in San Francisco. Moose, who was around 82 years of age during the 20 and 45-round days in Frisco, managed and trained ring greats Frankie Neil, Indian Joe Gregg, who taught Stanley Ketchel to fight, Eddie Campi, Jack Dillon, Willie Meehan, Lew Powell, Leo Houck and Spider Roche.

Vince Colitti, who with yours truly did the research for Rocky Marciano's "Italian Gladiators of the Prize Ring" is home in Brooklyn, after a fine vacation to Tequis, Mexico . . . Ronnie (Ring 9) Burns, lost his mother . . . Terri Donner, Jack Solomons' personal secretary, known in London as "Mrs. Boxing", has retired after 18 years.

At Biase's Restaurant, Union City, N. a closer alliance was celebrated betwe Jersey City's Ring 14 and Brooklyn Ri 21, with a dinner sponsored by Roc Biase and his nephew Ronnie. Rocco i member of both rings. Paul Berlenba "Uncle Willie" Mack, of Harlem, Mick ("Is Paris Burning") Esposito, and Ted Seidel, who entertained with his U among those present. Berlenbach brou along Ruppert, his miniature toy bulld whom he named in memory of Col. Jac Ruppert, for whom he worked at the Ru pert brewery.

Berlenbach is thinking of getting m ried again. Marciano is arranging a te monial for his former manager Al We who is broke and ailing in Florida . . . Jo DeMave, first prexy and founder of Jer City's Ring 14, lost his dad. DeMave corking heavyweight in the early '20's, the ring's original "Golden Boy".

Sam Taub, Dan Healy and the Lan Club gang, at Kingsbridge Veterans H pital, gave the sick a fine show. Amo patients were Whitey Bimstein and Artl Donovan . . . Joe (New Garden Gy Garfield, became a grand uncle . . . Lo alikes—Phil (Ring 14) Dorn and W German's Chancellor Ludwig Erhard . George Mandot (Brooklyn VBA Ring and South Florida VBA Ring 31) is int ested in buying 8 mm fight films . . . J Hurley, "the ole Deacon", has recove from that eye operation . . . Ex-wo lightweight champ — Paddy DeMar wearing a helmet, supervising a constr

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LINCOLN DEFEATS RUSH

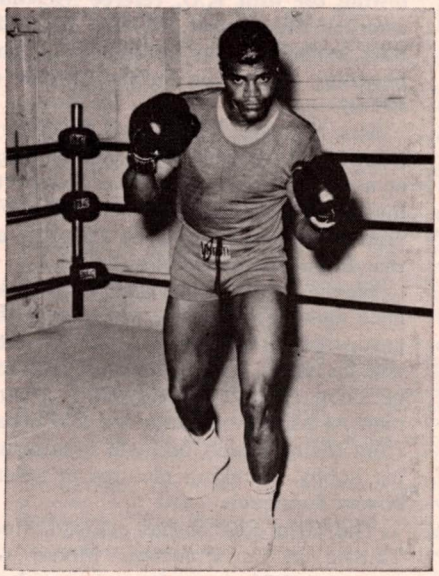
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. — For the second time within three months, heavyweight Amos Lincoln, rated No. 4 by the The Ring Magazine, has scored over Elmer Rush.

This time, Rush was knocked down in the first round and out in the ninth, a left hook decking Elmer and a sympathetic and wise referee ending the fight soon thereafter, the round lasting 2:54.

Rush was not as thoroughly beaten as the story would indicate. After recovering from Lincoln's first round barrage, Elmer fought himself into contention until the ninth.

In the revised ratings of The Ring, Lincoln is preceded, behind the champion, only by Ernie Terrell, Thad Spencer and Zora (The Inactive) Folley.

Last June, Lincoln got a technical victory over Rush. Amos was running ahead in the sixth round when a vehement butt forced a cessation of hostilities.


AMOS LINCOLN

CHUVALO STOPS LOSING; TAKES TURNBOW IN SEVEN
By Frank Allnutt

MONTREAL, CAN.—George Chuvalo, Canadian heavyweight champion, found an easy target in Joel Turnbow, of Paterson, N.J., in their scheduled ten rounder at Paul Suave Arena. The Canadian ended the bout in 2:55 of the seventh round. The American giant received a shellacking. He was never in the running.

Chuvalo, 220, with a barrage in the seventh, trapped Turnbow along the ropes, and a smashing right to the head put the visitor down and out. He was out for almost three minutes.

The 26-year-old Toronto pugilist pressed the issue from the start, but it was all in his favor. He pounded away at Turnbow's mid-section with crisp lefts and rights and hard blows to the head.

Chuvalo suffered two minor cuts on the bridge of his nose and on the forehead.

In the semi-windup, heavyweight Jean Claude of Montmany, P. Q., gained a split decision over Jonny Barazza, of Toronto.

It was a pleasing 8 round battle in which punches were traded ad lib.

Dick Wipperman, of Buffalo, stopped game Ted Fletcher of Niagara Falls in 8. They are heavyweights. Fletcher gave away 19 pounds.

Vic Brown, of Buffalo, lost a split decision to Box Croxon, of Montreal.

Middleweight Johnny Torres of Clifton, N.J., stopped Dennis Leonard, of Hall, P.Q., in the fourth round.

▸ Colin Fraser from this city travelled to New Orleans to meet welterweight Jerry Pellegrini and ran into a buzz-saw. Barely had the fight got under way when Fraser sliced open Pellegrini's eye. Going in again Fraser was caught with a right hand which decked him. Fraser was up at the count of three but Pellegrini put Fraser down twice more, and the referee wisely stopped the contest. It was all over in the first stanza.

▸ Toronto heavyweight Bob 'Pretty Boy' Felstein travelled to Houston to fight his first ten round bout with Mike Lanum of that city but the fight was called off when Lanum suffered an injury in training.

THE CANADIAN MARITIMES
By Fred Bishop

HALIFAX—Blair Richardson, 160, British Empire and Canadian middleweight champion received a setback when we drew with veteran Isaac Logart, 157, New York, in a 10 round bout. Two of the judges, Don Kerr and Harold Johnson, each tabbed the fight a draw while the third judge, Alex Nickerson, had Richardson the winner, 4-3-3. It was a close battle all the way. The Ring card favored Logart, 5-4-1 Jack Buckley, manager of the champ, declared Richardson had hurt his hand early in the bout and that handicapped him. The fight went into the records as a draw.

Les Sprague, 143, Dartmouth, Canadian junior welter king, had too much on the ball for Lou Johnson, 140, Lowell, Mass. The referee, Jackie Hayden stopped the fight with only a minute to go in the eighth and last round.

In a six rounder, Ronnie Sampson, 145, Sydney, was given a soft touch in Norm Kirby, 139, Montreal, whom he stopped in the final minute of the sixth. In the opener of four rounds, a good fight all the way, Dave Pyke, 141, Dartmouth shaded George Hershman, 134, Eastern Passage. About 2,200 paid $5,000, thus it was a losing promotion. Frank MacIntosh was matchmaker.

▸ **SHIPPEGAN, N.B.** Joey Durelle, 150, Baie Ste. Annes, N. B. former Canadian welter champion, had his hands full as he took a split decision win in ten over Arnold Sparks, Westphall, N.S. Sparks at 155, now fights out of Montreal P.Q.

▸ **GLACE BAY.** Les Gillis 129, New Waterford, N.S. retained his Canadian Jr. Lightweight crown when he knocked out Gil 'Rocky' Boulay, 126, Quebec City, in the 2.48 mark of the fourth round. The fight was a bitter brawl. Boulay floored the champion in the third for an eight count. With a minute's rest, Gillis charged from his corner punching and didn't stop until he had pounded the Frenchman into submission late in the round.

In the eight round semi-final, Earl Pilgram, 190, Newfoundland, won his fifth of six starts as he upset former maritime heavyweight champion, Cecil Gray, 205, Halifax, whom he kayoed in the 1.21 of the sixth.

In a six rounder, Ronnie Sampson, 139, Sydney River, continued his winning ways with a third round kayo over Gaston Tancrede, 134, Quebec.

In a four rounder, Dave Downey, 148, Halifax, out of the game for a couple of years, stopped Charlie Legare, 150, Montreal, midway through the third. Downey, only 22, was once the most promising young fighter in Eastern Canada.

▸ **NEW GLASGOW.** The Second Annual Nova Scotia Golden Gloves championships were run off in conjunction with the famous Festival of the Tartans.

Vic Smith, Yarmouth, won two titles. He captured the most outstanding fighter award and received the Golden Boy Trophy. Smith won the lightweight title in one of the best matches of the card as he stopped game Ricky Hamm, 127, Halifax, midway through the second, then came back later to outpoint Ernie LeBlanc, Coverdale to capture the featherweight title.

BOXING IN SEPT-ILES, CANADA
By John Doyle

Nearly 1,100 fans attended the first fight card presented in six years in the North Shore metropolis of Quebec Province.

In the 10 round main event, Leonardo Ianni, 153, Sept-Iles, K.O.'d Clement Sarrazin of Montreal, at 2:35 of the 6th round. Sarrazin, 158, took a terrific beating and was floored twice before the referee Lionel Lablanc stopped the fight.

In a 8-round semi-final, Albert "Ace" Breault, classy young lightweight, defeated Jean-Marie Avena.

The promoter was Jean-Louis Fontaine, a weekly newspaper editor who looks after boxing as a hobby.

PUNCH LINES

NO ADMIRER OF TERRELL

I HAVE just finished reading your Sept. issue of RING. I enjoyed it, as I do every issue. The part that I would like to comment on is Dan Daniel's coverage of the Terrell-Jones fight in Texas. I saw the same fight on closed circuit here and I must say that Dan's account of the fight was much different than mine would have been.

For the first six or seven rounds I was impressed with Terrell's showing, but what I saw in the remaining rounds was disgraceful. Terrell was holding, fouling, pushing and doing all he could to qualify for the Heavyweight Championship, — of Wrestling.

Although he does win—and that's what counts—he flounders terribly in the late rounds. I can't understand why someone doesn't put him away when he falls apart. Cassius Clay will, I can assure you of that. Jones couldn't because he was too small and not fast enough.

Your magazine keeps hollering for a Clay-Terrell match and rightly so. They should meet but don't throw the onus on Clay. Ernie was the guy who pulled out last time and he should be blamed.

John T. Balch
Fresno, Cal.

Editor's Note: The crux of it is that Jones was overmatched. As for Terrell's turning down the Clay fight in Toronto, ask the FBI and don't throw the onus on Ernie.

THINKS WE OVERDO CLAY

You have overdone Cassius Clay. He has been on the Ring cover too many times. You keep naming him Fighter of the Month even if he beats only some fourth rater. Why not change the name of your magazine to "We Love Ali?" Keep it up and I will quit you.

Ted Carroll's story about Clay and his comparison of Cassius with Johnson and Tunney was ludicrous.

Mike Bevins
Ardmore, Okla.

Editor's Note: If you have read The Ring closely you must have noted that this magazine has let the chips fall where they may. Clay is the Big News in boxing. When we run a picture on a cover we do so after long deliberation by men who know their business. We rate Clay's victories over Cooper and London for what they were. As for Carroll's piece, it has received strong commendation in US and abroad.

TAKES UP CUDGELS FOR FOLLEY

It looks as though The Ring has decided to knock Zora Folley out of the contender class. It's a shame that a fighter of Folley's quality is overlooked persistently as an opponent for Terrell and Clay.

Zora goes right on outclassing rivals yet his publicity is negligible.

How can you back up No. 6 rating for Folley as against No. 4 for Jones and No. 5 for Cooper? Come now, please!

Soon Zora's age will enter the arena. Later men will ask, "How would Folley have done against Clay?"

Louis G. Wienecke
Fulton, N.Y.

Editor's Note: The Ring carried Folley in high rating for a long time. He did nothing to justify that. The new policy behind the ratings is," Fight or move down." Folley has had one fight this year, stopping Jeff Davis in eight. Davis was knocked out last February by Henry Cooper in one round. Now, Louis, what would you have us do with Zora? If he will fight and prove himself we will be only too willing and eager to give him every possible recognition. We are not rating fighters on work in 1965 and 1964.

NIXES OLD TIMERS

Why do you run so much guff about old time fighters? There are so many great boxers in the ring today, and every page you devote to the dead and gone steals that much from the fighters of 1966/.

I am tired of reading about Dempsey and Louis. I don't care a hoot whether Jack could have stopped Joe, or Joe could have kayoed the Mauler.

I care less about Tunney's skill, and as for John L. Sullivan, Corbett and other bums of the long ago, who gives a nickel?

Why did Terrell refuse the fight with Clay? Why don't anybody fight Freddie Little? Why is Folley on the shelf? Why does a place like New York's Madison Square Garden arrange a card like the Woody-Persol affair? Why did Jones get the shot with Terrell? Why won't Torres fight anybody except a 40-year-old, after knocking Thornton into retirement? What did you do with the inside story of Terrell and the FBI?

Harry J. Fernrich
Sioux City, Iowa

Editor's Note: The Ring tries to please all shades, ages, origins, inclinations, likes and characters of readers. If you don't like to read about old timers, there are thousands who do. Our picture stories of veteran stars get the strongest acclaim. Other matters dealt with in your letter would require far more space than available in this column. Stick with us, and be patient. Always remember that we are militant for boxing, and seeking to please our readers.

ROUSE BOOSTER

Why doesn't Torres fight Rouse? Roger deserves No. 1 rating as a contender and certainly is a more robust and more impressive fighter than Cotton. Why doesn't The Ring blast Torres for failure to take on the most worthy opposition?

Fred Braganza
Bozeman, Mont.

Editor's Note: The Ring did not back Cotton over Rouse as an opponent for Torres. However, as Jose proved in the Thornton contest, he needed more action after his long layoff, and had to satisfy himself on his physical condition. We asked Cain Young, of the Torres group, about a Rouse fight, and he said, "Jose could take him in three." Let's wait and see what Torres does for another defense.

IN SUPPORT OF CHUVALO

In the September edition of The Ring, Nat Fleischer says that George Chuvalo should consider Irving Ungerman's offer as a job in his poultry business. Well if anybody should consider the poultry business, Fleischer should. Chuvalo was the only *"man"* that Cassius Clay has ever fought. When fighters like Sonny Liston last less than a round and George lasts to a fifteen round decision; it shows that George had more fighting ability than any other man Clay has met. Chuvalo could take Terrell in a rematch; he would put guys like Bonavena back where they belong.

Chuvalo is one of the toughest boxers in the business, and has proved this. Cooper, London, and Jones are the fighters Fleischer should be knocking. These boys are a sorry match for Clay or Chuvalo.

Pat Kiely
Kirkland Lake, Ont., Canada

Editor's Note: Neither Nat Fleischer nor The Ring has anything but the friendliest feeling toward Chuvalo. He has had his chances, and has done not quite enough with them. That Corletti thing was a really bad mark against George.

DOESN'T LIKE TORRES NOD

Never in my life as a fight fan have I witnessed a worse decision than that of the Torres-Cotton title fight. It was a near classic fight marred by an unjust decision.

I feel sorry for Eddie Cotton. It was a dream come true until the bungled decision was announced.

Torres, normally a great fighter, was outclassed by a veteran who proved age is not always a barrier. Cotton has more than earned a return bout. It would defy the basic idea of the rematch not to hold such a fight.

Tom Weigel
E. Northport, L.I., N.Y.

CONTROVERSIAL, COLORFUL MIKE McTIGUE LEFT BEHIND MANY LURID EXPERIENCES

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Mike met Loughran, during his reign, in a couple of no-decision contests in which the safety first styles of both, men brought forth such caustic comments as the late writer Bill Corum's ". . . watching Loughran and McTigue fight is about as exciting as watching a man read a book."

The most headlined happening of McTigue's tenure as champ came in 1923 when he and Jacobs ventured below the Mason-Dixon Line to take on the boy Wonder of the Sunny South, W. L. 'Young' Stribling. Jacobs, who was nobodys fool, as a precautionary measure had taken referee Harry Ertle along to act as third man, a common practice in those days. The fight, took place in Columbus Ga. which was a stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan.

The 19 year old Stribling proved a lot tougher than expected. At the end of ten rounds when Ertle pointed to McTigue as winner, a king sized disturbance erupted among the home town audience.

This reached such intensity that the quaking Ertle, a Yankee referee with a Jewish manager and an Irish-Catholic fighter caught deep in hostile territory, hurriedly reversed himself and announced Stribling as the winner.

This strategic move afforded the trio of Ertle, McTigue, and Jacobs opportunity to make their escape from the arena. Back in their hotel, as they packed for a speedy departure, Ertle came up with a third decision, a "draw" Once aboard the New York bound train, a whisker before the arrival of an irate posse, Ertle, from a rear platform, told the world that the only winner of that fight was Mike McTigue.

The supposed Klan involvement, and the ethnic backgrounds of its targets McTigue and Jacobs made headlines throughout the country.

For months after, the flight of McTigue and Jacobs from the Sunny Southland with the KKK in pursuit provided a live topic for imaginative sports writers.

In 1925 McTigue signed to defend his lightheavyweight crown against the Astoria Assassin, Paul Berlenbach, one of the hardest hitters of all time in that division. McTigue, given little chance against this pulverizing puncher, surprised by making it very close. Mike lost the decision and title on May 30, 1925.

His title was gone but controversy still dogged Mike. When he was awarded the decision over Tiger Flowers in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 23, 1925, the Garden rafters shook with shouts of disbelief. Veteran Charley Rose still calls the verdict the most amazing ever announced in the big arena.

Handed down by two prestigious business men—a banker and department store head—it had as its aftermath an action by the New York Commission, chaired by James A. Farley, pressuring middleweight champion Harry Greb into defending his title against Flowers. This was rewarded as a means of public atonement for the atrocious injustice done the Tiger. Flowers could thereby credit his becoming the first Negro boxer in 16 years to win a worlds title in the States to a decision he lost to McTigue.

Mike appeared to be as finished as a fighter could be when he was knocked out by Jack Delaney in four rounds on March 14, 1926 in Madison Square Garden. But he staged one of the most remarkable resurgences in ring history. His next match was an upset win over the promising Buffalonian, Lou Scozza. He then turned in one of the sharpest performances of his long career beating rugged heavyweight Johnny Risko. Flashing a new spirit in the ring and punching harder than ever before he wound up the year of 1926 with four impressive knockouts.

On Jan. 28, 1927, in the Garden, McTigue made it all the way back with a sensational four round KO over knockout king Paul Berlenbach. His fantastic rejuvenation at an age when most fighters are finished had moved McTigue into a position where he was considered both a heavyweight and lightheavyweight threat. He had become a public idol, and was matched with the No. 1 heavyweight contender Jack Sharkey.

McTigue did not disappoint against Sharkey although the bout had to be stopped in the 12th round in the Garden on March 3, 1927 when Mike's dentures became unhinged causing him to bleed profusely from the mouth. Many observers had given McTigue an edge in the going up to then.

Mike came out of the Sharkey fight to the cheers of the crowd and with little damage to his new found prestige. He was then matched with Loughran, the winner to be awarded the light heavyweight championship vacated by Jack Delaney. This meeting, the fourth between the two men, held in the Garden on Oct. 7, 1927, was fought at a fast pace and pleased the crowd. McTigue rallied strongly in the final round but Loughran's edge in youth and speed was too much for him to overcome.

The Loughran match was Mike's last stand as a contender but not as a controversial figure. His next match, against Mickey Walker, whom he had met in a no-decision contest two years before, in Chicago, came to an abrupt and baffling ending in the first round with Walker the winner.

There is pathos in Mike McTigue's last years in the ring. From 1928 through 1930 he was no more than a name going through the motions for a payday. Included in a list of almost unbroken defeats during these years were knockouts at the hands of Tuffy Griffiths, Battling Bozo Gagnon, Isadoro Gastanaga and Garfield Johnson.

His last years on earth were equally drab. McTigue estimated his ring earnings at $300,000, most of which he said had vanished in the Wall St. crash of 1929. Taken ill in 1953 he was confined to Queens General Hospital in Long Island, N. Y. for more than a decade before hearing the final count. Despite its dreary denouement Mike McTigue's life was crowded with the kind of color, controversy, excitement, good times, and glamour which not many champions of the ring can experience.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

SAVANNAH, Ga.—A punch to the body which most of the fans who attended Promoter Grady Bragg's rematch show approved of, spelled finis for Bobby Alford and brought Gordon Lott his twenty-fifth victory.

The pay-off punch dropped Alford, of Atlanta, in the seventh round. He was struggling to his knees as the bell sounded the end of the round but Referee Tommy Kiene continued with his count and it went into the records as an eighth round kayo.

Alford not only waged an excellent fight but gave Lott his best competition before local fans.

A top notch effort went to the young Savannah lightweight Jimmy Bullock. Jimmy copped the eight round semi over tough Irish Tommy O'Quinn, of Brunswick. He dropped O'Quinn with a left hook, in the sixth.

Ng Wing was victorious in his professional debut, scoring a fourth round TKO over Willie Watkins, of Charleston.

Big Tom Cohen, Savannah heavyweight kept his win streak going by scoring a fifth round TKO over Jimmy Brown, of Charleston.

▶ A change of pastures for Gordon Lott is what Marty Fuller, his manager, is contemplating for the junior middleweight. Just about all of the Lott action has taken place in Savannah and Miami Beach and Marty feels this is the time to move. Consideration is given New York, Las Vegas, Detroit and Los Angeles. Gordon's record is 25 victories, one defeat.

▶ Whatever hopes Jacksonville had for the future of professional boxing was dashed when Sam Boardman announced his intention to move from here. Most likely Boardman and his family will locate in Norfolk, after nearly four years in the Gateway to Florida with little to show for it.

Harris W. Patrick, of Melgourne, Florida has a welterweight and middleweight turning pro soon and informs this corner his city will have have another professional boxing card on tap.

BOXING RETURNS TO CLARKSBURG, W. VIRGINIA

By James E. Romel

Boxing returned to Clarksburg W.Va., after an absence of 24 years. The Fraternal Order of Police Mountaineer Lodge No. 8, sponsored the event in the Nathan Golf Armory. The results follow:

Mike "The Wisp" Thompson, 138, Moundsville, W.Va., Ko'ed Lucky Harris, 145, Wheeling, W.Va. in 3 rounds. Harris was out cold.

Wade Johnton, 155, 10, Tioga, W.Va. decisioned Willie Render, 155, Charleston, W.Va. in 4 rounds. Sterling Douglas Ko'ed Ronald Bush, 160, Wheeling, W.Va. in 29 seconds of the first round. John Terry, 160, Charleston, W.Va. beat Carl "Rock" Lester, Welch, W.Va., 131, in 4 rounds.

In the main event, Harold Riffle, 163, Parkersbur, W.Va. scored a unanimous decision over Leon "Candy" Harris, 162, Dunbar, W.Va. Riffle took the first 4 rounds but Harris made a savage comeback.

ORIENT BANTAMS, FLYWEIGHTS CREAM OF CURRENT WORLD CROP

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Singhay-odfa in the eighth round of a non-title bout. The loser is the Thai flyweight king.

A long time has elapsed since Thailand has had as many top flyweights and bantams for competition in the Orient.

Because of this, Thai promoters have been able to import capable talent. The enthusiasm of the people has been evident in the patronage.

With the retirement of former world champion Pone Kingpetch, a three time holder of the flyweight crown, the aim of the commission is to bring back the crown to Thailand.

Kingpetch won the title from Pascual Perez in 1960, lost it to Fighting Harada, of Japan, two years later. He was the first to regain the title when he defeated his conqueror on January 12, 1963.

Hiroyuki Ebihara knocked Pone out nine months later in the opening round to win the championship but on January 23, 1964 Pone again regained the title, a singular feat. He lost it to Salvatore Burruni in Rome on April 23, 1965. A few weeks ago Pone wisely decided to hang up his gloves.

HOW ABOUT THOSE CUT EYE TKOs?

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episode. They thought of Carl Morris' New York debut in the old Garden in 1911, and the gory mess smaller but ringwise Fireman Jim Flynn made of the Oklahoma giant.

Ten years later, in Brooklyn's Ebbets Field, Charley Weinert's educated left hand had French heavyweight Paul Journee's face looking like raw hamburger splashed with ketchup when the referee called a halt in the fifth round.

Another Frenchman who proved to be a "free bleeder" in American rings was middleweight Charley Humez in Garden bouts with Ralph (Tiger) Jones and Gene Fullmer in 1956. Although recognized as one of boxing's most competent "cut men," Jimmy August had a couple of busy nights trying to halt the steady flow of blood from the rips in Humez's face.

The late Gus Lesnevich, as middleweight and light-heavyweight, was susceptible to eyebrow gashes, and early in his career a couple of his bouts were stopped because of profuse bleeding.

One of the worst rips yet seen was suffered by Paterson, N.J., heavyweight Pat Comiskey in a meeting with Eldridge Eatman in New Haven in 1948. Whether from a butt or a punch, we couldn't say, but early in the bout a mess of scar tissue that had collected over Pat's eyes from previous fights busted wide open. The blood gushed out in rain-spout profusion.

It looked for a while as though the bout would be stopped, but clever work in the corner by Artie Rose stemmed the flow of blood sufficiently to enable Comiskey to finish the ten rounds and earn the decision.

Following the bout, Manager Bill Daly and his crew packed Comiskey in an automobile and drove all the way to Dr. Vincent Nardiello's home on Long Island. The medico was five hours cleaning out and hemstiching the ugly wound.

Did Jack Moore have a remedy for the epidemic of facial manglings?

"No," he replied. "I remember when fighters would soak their faces in brine, to toughen the skin. The stuff smelled horrible, but it helped.

The kids today are too sensitive about their personal appearances outside the ring, and prefer using perfume or aftershave lotion. . . . The only solution I could think of would be for fighters to learn to box. But that would be expecting too much."

DID OL' MAN COTTON REALLY BEAT TORRES?

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must consider.

Rouse stopped Cotton in seven rounds on October 23, 1965, after an August 13 draw.

The Thornton and Cotton fights hinted that Torres, who was on the shelf for many months with an inflammation of the pancreas suffered in a winning effort against Tom McNeeley, still was far from right physically.

Against Cotton, Chegui did not display 15 round stamina. It was well and good for the ancient Eddie, fighting since 1947, to tire badly in the last two heats, especially in that torrid fifteenth, in which Jose saved his title.

But for the 30 year old Puerto Rican, inability to sustain a drive was a disturbing tell-tale. The Torres of the Cotton and Thornton fights was not the Torres of the victory over Willie Pastrano in the ninth round on March 30, 1965.

When Torres made his 45 minute defense against Thornton virtually a two round affair, it was suspected that he had been out of action too long. No similar excuses could be offered after the Cotton affair.

The Cotton match was a fine boxing demonstration by the 40 year old, who showed Jose more tricks than he ever before had spotted in a ring. Cotton used a jab with telling effect and handicapped Torres with a nose bleed through the second half of the fight.

Torres finished up with a slight cut over an eye. Cotton also had a cut but his corner was able to prevent its becoming a serious factor. Cotton boxing, Torres hammering away—that was the fight pattern, with the two locking horns like a couple of bull moose.

"It wasn't Cotton who made the trouble for me, it was me, myself," Chegui said after the fight. But he failed to give full credit to Eddie, who kept the Torres attack from counting to the extent of even one knockdown, let alone the knockout which the 3 to 1 odds possibly had in view. It was 8 to 5 that Cotton would not last the 45 minutes.

Torres, who looked fine in training, had no trouble coming in at 173 at eleven in the morning. Cotton, on the other hand, was a most unimpressive boxer in training and surprised the Torres camp by weighing in at 173½, heavy for him.

Cotton hurt himself with those three low punches, two of which counted against him, and carried warnings from the referee. The last belt—ignorer was by-passed. Torres said that one of the low ones had hurt but he wasn't in a mood for hollering foul. He had won— and, you will recollect, was talking to and at himself.

Torres did well with his left hook to the body and an overhand right which hurt Cotton's noggin and neck. Eddie complained of the pain after the fight.

But not until the last round could Torres develop fury in his attack and organize himself for combination blows. By this time Cotton's age had begun to tell against him, and Torres was in a desperation situation. He had been warned in the fourteenth, by his corner, that his title was in jeopardy.

Came the fifteenth round, and Torres demonstrated why he and not Cotton was the champion.

Another Torres-Cotton fight? The fans want it. But there is first Calderwood, then Rouse, to be considered. The Calderwood fight has been set; Rouse is standing by.

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NEW YORK COMMISSION NOT READY TO RECOGNIZE COKES

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Curvis, who was knocked out by Josselin, is not being pushed by the British Board of Boxing Control as a welter title contender.

Whitfield has made financial demands which are rather out of line for a fighter who has not made any really spectacular achievements and seems to be hard to get along with. Perhaps he will negotiate himself out of the running.

It has been suggested that Whitfield go over to England and fight Curvis.

Cokes has had only two fights this year. He served notice of what he intended to do to Gonzalez when he knocked out Luis Rodriguez, who had been rated the No. 2 contender behind Josselin, conqueror of Curvis. Cokes stopped Luis in the fifteenth round and advised him to move up into the middleweight contention.

Then came Cokes' meeting with Gonzalez, who had done himself no good at all in a fifteen round running match against Griffith in New York.

For Cokes, the victory over Gonzalez, his fourth in five meetings with Manny, was No. 43 of a career started in 1958 with a success over Gonzalez. Cokes has been beaten 10 times and has figured in two drawn fights.

The new title claimant is 29 years of age and has four children. Twice Cokes interrupted his career with announcements of retirement. There was no big demand for his services. Now there will be work aplenty, with Josselin, Whitfield, Curvis and Ludick to be reckoned with.

There was considerable divergence of opinion among the three men who scored the Cokes victory over Gonzalez, supposedly a puncher.

Referee Peter Giarusso handed in a 14-1 card and barely recognized Manny's presence in the ring.

Eddie Brown, judge, gave Cokes eight rounds, with two for Gonzalez and five even. Herman Dutrer, the other judge, saw it 11-2-2.

Gonzalez made a strong showing only in the fourth and fifth rounds. He was decked in the twelfth and took the mandatory eight. The bell came none too soon for Manny.

Cokes, mainly a counter fighter, was not as spectacular as he was businesslike and effective. He weighed in at 145¾ pounds, while the loser tipped the beam at 147.

The fight drew 5,102 paying guests, with the boxers splitting 60 percent of the $22,-106 gate.

SCHOOLTEACHER LITTLE KNOCKS ON CHAMPION GRIFFITH'S DOOR

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basketball, and was on the track team. As a pitcher on his high school team he struck out 14 batters in a game. In basketball he averaged twelve points and in track he was clocked at 9.7 in the 100 yard dash.

Shortly before he was graduated from high school he received twenty four football scholarship offers.

Little started boxing professionally while attending college in 1957. He fought an amateur fight. As a pro he ran up 22 straight.

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His first setback came at the hands of George Benton, seasoned pro, in a ten round split decision. After two more successful fights, Little ran out of willing opponents, and began what was to become a four year layoff. With no fights in sight, Freddie devoted his entire attention to teaching.

Little utilized his off duty time in Chicago, where he and his wife Barbara had moved, by continuing to work out at Johnny Coulon's gym.

During these years, which must have seemed like an eternity to Little, his name was brought to the attention of Joe Kiernan, a Chicago restaurateur. They became partners.

Kiernan learned about the "Strip Fight of the Week" in Las Vegas and contacted promoter Bill Miller, who arranged a fight with Johnny Smith, California Middleweight Champion.

On June 1, 1965, after four years and 25 days, Freddie once again climbed back into the ring. A layoff period in any sport could be ruinous, especially in boxing, but on that June night Little proved that his "iron fists" were still intact.

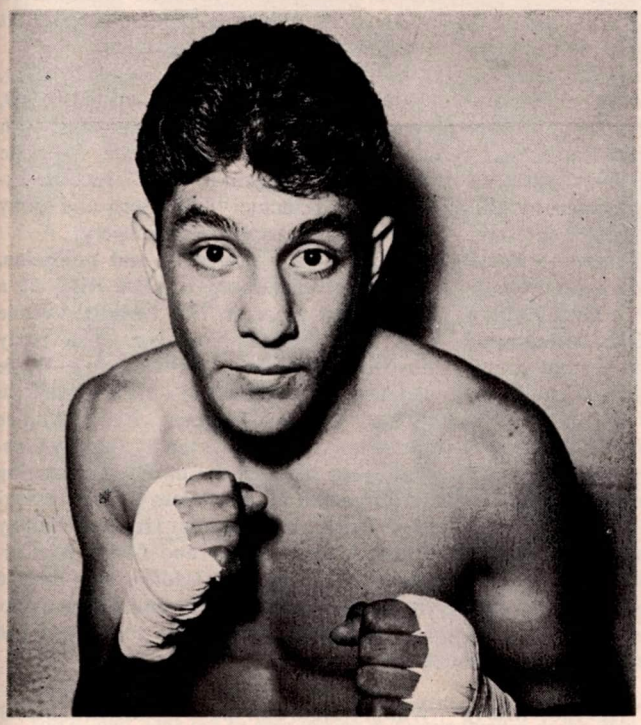
A left hook in the third round broke Smith's collarbone.

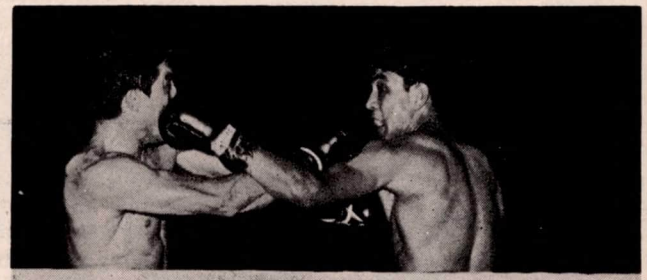
In the next four months, Little recorded three additional victories—a second round knockout over Sonny Gill, a protege of Sugar Ray Robinson; a ten round decision over Milo Calhoun; and a seventh round knockout over the Arizona Middleweight Champion, Charley Austin.

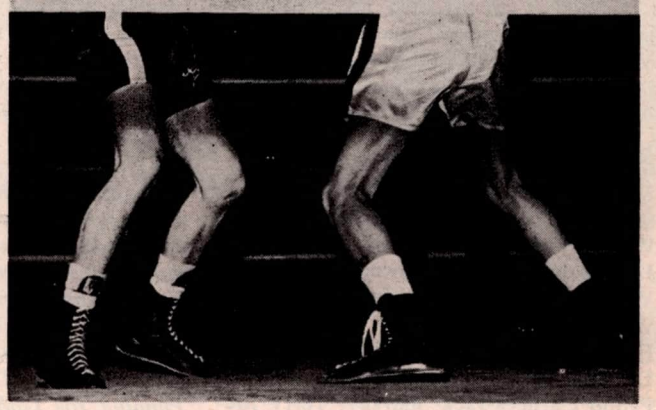
The year 1966 started out well for Little as he disposed of Denny Moyer in four on January 3. Moyer announced his retirement. On January 31, Little ripped away freely at Eddie Pace, but at the end of twelve rounds he found himself on the short end of a controversial decision. Pace absorbed a savage beating and required eye surgery. Little laid his loss to a cracked knuckle and poor pace.

Little fought Pace again and reversed the setback with a ten round unanimous decision.

Little has acquired a new manager, and has one of the finest trainers in Kid Carson.







Mando Ramos is the latest sensation from California. The exciting youngster, who possesses ten straight victories at the latest count, including eight knockouts, is shown in a gym study at the left. At right, Mando, who is on the right, is shown stabbing his left to Joey Aguilar's face. Ramos stopped Aguilar in the eighth round.

Mando Ramos Excites L.A. Fans with Three Straight

By JOHN HALL

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—Brash Armando (Mando) Ramos of Long Beach, is the talk of Southern California. The teenage clouter, who is only 18, clicked off three impressive triumphs within six weeks to rate as one of the most exciting youngsters to appear on the West Coast in many a year.

Ramos, who patterns his style after his idol, Sugar Ray Robinson, blasted veteran Manny Linson out in just two rounds at the Olympic Auditorium, to record his tenth straight win and his eighth knockout.

What was more amazing was the turnout. Though the entire card was televised by KTLA, the attendance was 4,500 and the gate $6,400!

Prior to the Linson match, Mando ko'ed Ray Coleman of Arizona in seven rounds at the Olympic. He is managed by ex-boxer Jackie McCoy, who calls him the finest prospect he yet has seen.

Ramos stands 5-8 and weighs 128. Most observers feel he'll be a full fledged lightweight within six months. Mando's ambition is to win a world title while still in his teens. Shades of Tony Canzoneri!

McCoy heads up one of the largest stables in California. His top boy is Raul Rojas, who is ranked third among the featherweights by Ring. Andy (Kid) Heilman and Frankie Belma are other main eventers in the McCoy entourage.

In supporting bouts to Ramos-Linson, Allen Syers, 137, Liverpool, England, technical draw (3) with Roger Clark, 138, San Diego; Ralph Palladin, 157, San Diego, dec. (6) Joe Vazquez, 162, Los Angeles; Jim Owens, 147, Los Angeles, KO (3) Ronaldo Henriquez, 145, Mexico City; Irish Larry Harding, 149, Downey, KO (2) Jimmy Nelson, 143, Los Angeles; Ray Garcia, 128, San Fernando, dec. (3) Dennis Tivis, 132, Lancaster. Last two mentioned contests were amateurs.

Ferd Hernandez, Nevada's middleweight champion, won a slugging bee from iron chinned Andy Heilman, of San Pedro, in a double main event program at the Olympic.

Hernandez, a stocky speedster, managed to stay away from the aggressive Harbor scrapper to win a split 10 round verdict. It was a bitterly contested affair, with Heilman building up a big lead, only to fade in the stretch.

Referee Lee Grossman voted for Hernandez, 6-3; judge Dick Young also favored Ferd, 7-3, while judge George Latka was the dissenter, favoring Heilman, 5-4.

Former lightweight king Ismael Laguna, 135, won handily over Al Grant, 139, in the co-feature. The stylish Panamanian kept Grant at bay with his educated left hand.

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PACKEY O'GATTY'S CHIT-CHAT

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tion job along the East River Drive.

Comedy film "THE HONORABLE FRAUDS", soon to be released, will have in its cast Jake LaMotta, Willie Pep, Rocky Graziano and Petey Scalzo . . . Hank Kaplan is doing a book on Jewish boxers . . . At Nell Gwyn's Taverne, learned that ex-referee Arthur Donovan's son, Junior, three times an all-pro Colts football star, will be a Jet's coach . . . Ex-flyweight Sammy Cohen, whose weight went up to 200, is back on a diet, and now weighs 160.

Pow-wow of Veterans of Foreign Wars Pfc John J. Oliveri Post 1582, Inwood, L.I., a gala. George Mandot did a fine M.C. bit, introducing Paul Berlenbach, Jackie Snyder, Charley Varre, Billy Metz, August Palleschi, Ted Ciamillo, and Post Commander Al Cittadiano. Metz did his drunk act. He celebrated his 67th birthday. Mandot showed fight movies. Jack Dempsey-Gene Tunney, their two fights, Jess Willard-Frank Moran, Paul Berlenbach-Jack Delaney, Jack Johnson-Jess Willard, Willie Ritchie-Mexican Joe Rivers, Kid Williams-Charles Ledoux, Eddie Campi-Frankie Burns, Johnny Kilbane-Johnny Dundee, Jack Johnson-Stanley Ketchel, Primo Carnera-Jack Sharkey, Terry McGovern-Joe Gans, Floyd Patterson-Jimmy Slate, Joe Louis-Rocky Marciano, Archie Moore-Harold Johnson, and Nino Valdez-Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson, were shown.

Former lightweight Allie Zack runs a restaurant and cocktail lounge, AL E's Hat Box, at 38 West 39th Street . . . Three veteran boxer associations running in Philadelphia – "The City of Brotherly Love". There's plenty of vinegar being thrown about Ring 1 has Tony Morgano as prexy, Ring 40 has "Skinny" Davidson and Ring 41 has Tony Strazzeri, who used to be head man at Ring 1 . . . When Madison Square Garden's popular Frances Hogan leaves for luncheon Mushky Jackson is heard at the switchboard . . . M.S.G's publicity director John F. X. Condon lost brother Eddie.

New Jersey teamster leader Tony "Pro" is the brother of lower East Side 100-pounder Al (Provenzano) Brown, who during the New Polo days fought Smiling Willie, Kid Rago, Eddie Fletcher and Johnny Attell. Al is in the plumbing business with his son in New Jersey . . . Guido Viscovi, a stablemate of George Chuvalo, is a sophomore at Fordham University.

Jack Grebelsky, organizer of Ring 8, is back with Battling Kid Nelson. They attended Nelson's nephew Sidney Needleman's wedding at Miami Beach. Visited Fifth Street Gym, South Florida Ring 31, and were shown a fine time by Hank Kaplan, Benny Nabors, Joe Nudelman, Gil Strong, Don Lutz, Johnny Burns, Marty Fuller, Chris Dundee, Benny Seamon, Tom Heeney and Boxing Inspector Benny Levine. They also visited Mayor Elliott Roosevelt . . . Sam Goldberg (Young McGowan), who wrote "Fighter In A Naphtha Ring", lives at 61-15 97th Street, Rego Park, Queens, N.Y. 11374.

Archie Moore, ex-world light-heavyweight king, is now known to his boys in Anaheim, as Instructor Moore. He teaches boxing . . . Announcer Johnny Addie is the new host at the Crystal Room . . . Jake LaMotta walking his dog at Beekman Place and 51st Street, New York, in the wee hours . . . Party hosted by Bill Burns, TV columnist on the West Coast, honoring Buddy Blattner, guests included ex-California boxing commission chairman Dom Tavaglione, TV's Dick Enberg —Fred Haney told "Old Mongoose" Moore, "Archie" you were a great champion, but you're an even greater man."

FAMOUS RINGMEN BORN IN NOVEMBER—Jack Randall, Paddy Duffy, Joe Goss, Charlie Mitchell, Joe Choynski, Tom Sharkey, Dick O'Brien, Eddie Connolly, Joe Goddard, Joe Gans, Joe Bernstein, Eddie Lenny, Jimmy Dime, Pedlar Palmer, Harry Harris, Charley McKeever, Spike Robson, Iron Hague, Johnny McCartney, Terry (middleweight) Martin, Packey McFarland, Mike Honeyman, Leo Houck, Johnny Dundee, Mike McTigue, Panama Joe Gans, Joe Azevedo, Marty Kid Taylor, Jack Bernstein, Johnny Clinton, Jack Bloomfield, Joe Lynch, Vincent Pepper Martin, Tommy Loughran, Tony Canzoneri, Mushy Callahan, Fighting Bob Martin, Danny Kramer, Ernie Goozeman, Ben Jeby, Melio Bettina, Lou Ambers, Marty Servo, Harry Jeffra, Tippy Larkin, Sal Bartolo, Yoshio Shirai.

To Lee Wong, Hong Kong—Guy Turpin, author of "Forgotten Men of the Prize Ring" can be located at 1010 West Gramercy, San Antonio, Texas.

Ted Broadribb (Young Snowball), has been elected honorary member of Brooklyn Ring 21 . . . Referee Arthur Mercante's stories, at boxing show at Camp Dix, still has them talking . . . Colorful lightweight Bobby Ruffin is now a vehicle operator for Uncle Sam's New York G.P.O. Chatting with ex-Boxing Commissioner boss Robert Christenberry, who retired as Postmaster General . . . Ex-boxer and now a lawyer, Frank Stetson, has drawn up a fine charter for Bill Mahoney and Joe Herman of San Francisco for their independent Northern California Old Time Boxers Ass'n . . . Punching Joe Miceli, stand-out welterweight of the early M.S.G. TV-days, has started legal action for additional money for re-runs of his TV fights.

Prexy Sam Goldberg (Young McGowan) at New York's Fraternal Club House of VBA Ring 8, at 25 West 39th Street. Had new members Charlie Beecher and Allie Zack sworn in before a packed membership. Among those I saw there were—Joe Miceli, Benny Gould, Ben Jeby, Charley Varre (he came over with me), K.O. Phil Kaplan, Nicky Girard, Johnny Colan, Georgie Rugg, Petey Burns, Johnny Rosner, Artie O'Leary, Al Reid, Joey Abrams, Jack Grebelsky, Bat Kid Nelson, Phil Rutha, Chester Rico, Georgie Werner, Lou Spivack, Lou Forman, Jimmy Rappaport and Bushy (Brooklyn) Graham.

Ex-boxer Nick Beni has a hunting lodge, Nick Beni's Lamplighter, on Route 9, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. where he sings with his band. He has cut some Roulette Records . . . Frankie "Jay" Jacobs, ex-manager of Jackie "Kid" Berg and Tony Janiro, is recovering from surgery.

Eddie Quinn, ex-boxer and politician, 74, has given Brooklyn VBA Ring 21 a home—rent free, at 792 Fourth Avenue and 27th Street, Brooklyn at a party thrown by Eddie. East Harlem's Willie Mack recited "The Kid's Last Fight", in Italian. Charley Wepner, Patsy Yodice and Harry Cruise directed by Johnny Gannon, went through the motions of singing accompanied by the voices of Jackie Snyder, Joe Ryder, Eddie Harvey, Skippy Allen, Walter Unger and Chick McCormack. Mike Quinn, Eddie's son, helped by Benny Tell, Al Letty and Horace McIntyre, passed around the roast beef and beer.

Before he won the world flyweight title, Walter McGowan made his niche in British boxing history when J. J. Briggs, steward of British Board, presented to Walter Lord Lonsdale Belt, making it his property after having held the British flyweight title for three years.

Ex-lightweight of the 30's Cleo Shans has joined Scoop Gallello's Ring 30, at New Rochelle . . . French comedian Fernnad Raynaud, who does a boxing act in Paris, credits Georges Carpentier and Charles Humez for teaching him boxing . . . Due to numerous inquiries by members of W.B.H.A. for the hard to find photo of Jeff Clarke, "The Joplin Ghost" —Al Fineman, 1423 Harrison Avenue, Bronx 52, N.Y. has a copy for sale.

Ranch barbecue hosted by Wayne Thornton and Pat DiFuria in Fresno, Augie Ratner, Young Corbett III, Billy Mahoney, Ernie Gillott, Johnny Benedetti, Millio Milliti and Sheik Rangel was enjoyed by all . . . Philadelphia Ring 40, held its First Annual Dinner-Dance with 300 in attendance. Invocation by Rev. Robert S. Harris. President Clarence "Skinny" Davidson got an ovation. Among those present were Johnny Settles, Scoop Gallello, Dan Sabia, Ellis Steward, Lew McFarland, Freddy Kelly, Georgie Gibbs, Tony Strazzeri, Harry Lamb, Danny Fields, and Johnny Clark.

Prof. Billy Grupp's Gym, early New York City training camps, is a Revival Temple, at 116th Street and Eighth Ave.

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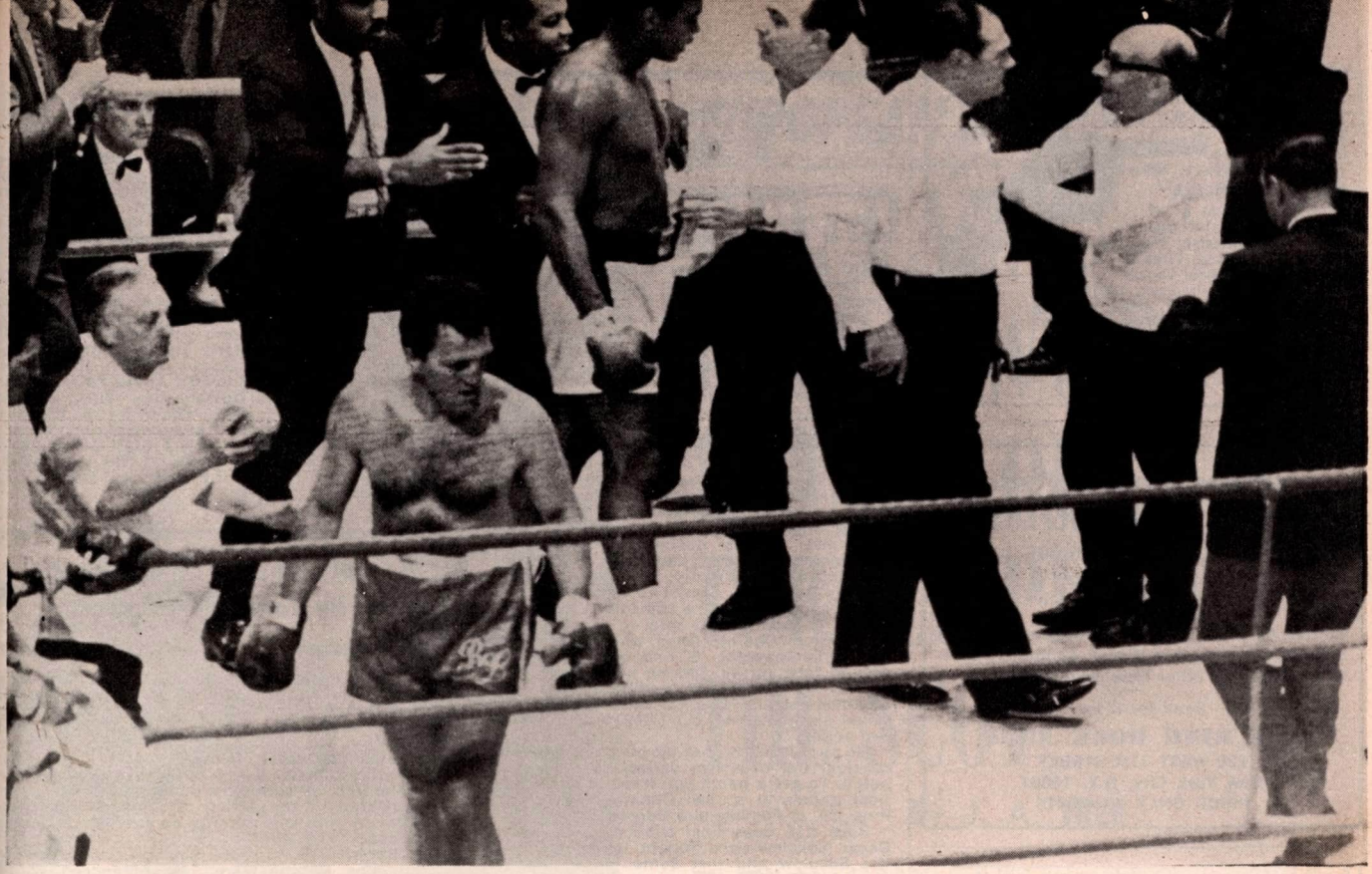

Challenger Brian London walks away dejectedly after suffering a knockout at the hands of Cassius Clay in the third round of their bout at London's Earl's Court. Clay can be seen talking to Angelo Dundee as the champion's Muslim brethren rush to his side.

THE BRITISH ISLES

RING'S BRITISH CRITIC LABELS LONDON LAUGH "MOST FARCICAL"

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LONDON, ENGLAND — When promoters Jack Solomons and Laurie Lewis matched Brian London against Cassius Clay, few thought the Blackpool Block Buster had a chance. But taking into consideration that London had defeated Roger Rischer and Amos Johnson, who had beaten Henry Cooper, many of us figured that strong man London would put up a good show against the champion.

I would like to get my words in on one of most farcical heavyweight championship fights of all time.

At the opening gong, London forced the issue. The smooth footwork of the champion was a pleasure to watch as he glided away from the on-coming Blackpool Bomber, but when he had Clay cornered, Brian froze. In fact he was petrified.

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BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(UP TO SEPTEMBER 20, 1966)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	1. Chic Calderwood (S)	1. Dick Tiger (N)	1. Brian Curvis (W)
2. George Chuvalo (C)	2. Young McCormack (E)	2. Blair Richardson (C)	2. Johnny Cooke (E)
3. Brian London (E)	3. Leweni Waqa (FI)	3. Johnny Pritchett (E)	3. Sammy McSpadden (S)
4. Jack Bodell (E)	4. Johnny Hendrickson (WI)	4. Wally Swift (E)	4. Johnny DePieza (T)
5. Billy Walker (E)	5. John McCormack (S)	5. Harry Scott (E)	5. Peter Coblaho (G)
6. Carl Gizzi (W)	6. Johnny Halafihi (TO)	6. Gomeo Brennan (B)	6. Carmen Rotolo (A)
7. Billy Gray (E)	7. Derek Richards (W)	7. Milo Calhoun (J)	7. Des Rea (I)
8. Johnny Prescott (E)	8. Eddie Avoth (W)	8. Lionel Ilfill (GU)	8. Peter McLaren (E)
9. Sipa Fine (NZ)	9. Bob Nicolson (E)	9. Earl Nikora (NZ)	9. Gordon McAteer (E)
10. Dave Ould (E)	10. Johnny Ould (E)	10. Tuna Scanlan (NZ)	

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Bunny Grant (J)	1. Howard Winstone (W)	1. Alan Rudkin (E)	1. Walter McGowan (S)
2. Maurice Cullen (E)	2. Johnny Famechon (A)	2. Bob Allotey (G)	2. Rocky Gattelari (A)
3. Love Allotey (G)	3. Joe Rafiu King (N)	3. Lionel Rose (A)	3. Orizio Obilaso (N)
4. Ray Adigun (N)	4. John O'Brien (S)	4. Jackie Brown (S)	4. John McCluskey (S)
5. Percy Hayles (J)	5. Gilberto Biondi (A)	5. Jim McCann (I)	5. Alex O'Neil (I)
6. Vic Andreeti (E)	6. Max Murphy (A)	6. Monte Laud (E)	6. Tony Barlow (E)
7. Phil Lundgren (E)	7. Harry Pickard (E)	7. Carl Taylor (E)	7. Kid Miller (Z)
8. Francis Ibe (N)	8. Lennie Williams (W)	8. Sean McCafferty (I)	8. Jackie Treshman (A)
9. Terry Edwards (E)	9. Brian Cartwright (E)	9. Don Weller (E)	9. Bill Amos (Z)
10. Ken Buchanan (S)	10. Joe Tetteh (G)	10. Sammy Abbey (S)	

LEGEND: A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; FI Fiji Islands; G Ghana; GU Guyana; IN India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; NZ New Zealand; S Scotland; SA South Africa; T Trinidad; TO Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

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ALONG THE VBA TRAIL
By Jack Larkin

Vic Di Filippo, former Daily News Boxing Coach, head of the department of health education at Seton Hall College, and executive director of NACO program of physical education, will leave for Army bases in Europe where he will conduct clinics for the department of defense.

Di Filippo, sports consultant for the past 20 years for the Dept. of Defense, has conducted similar clinics for sports personnel of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force in London, Paris, Hawaii, Japan and Korea.

While in Europe he will teach boxing with the Golden Glove conditioning and training techniques and methods. He will also teach "mass boxing progressions" at clinics in Munich, and Nuremburg, Germany, and in Verona, Italy.

Di Filippo was an excellent amateur and professional boxing referee at one time.

Ring #19, of Los Angeles has elected the following men for offices: Jerry Moore, President; re-elected, Dennis Abenille, Vice-Pres.; Danny Ledesama—Treasurer; Lou Mays, Secretary; Don Jay, Recording Secretary; Bill Lisoni, Sgt-at-Arms; Sammy Aaronson, Executive Director.

Aaronson will make a trip to Las Vegas to form a Ring Chapter in that area.

Clarence "Champ" Snell, who boxed in the 30's as a middleweight, is one of the top bowlers around New Jersey. Champ never bowled a tripicate in his 30 years of bowling but monthly in a summer league, Champ came close when he rolled six games of 211-179-216, 216-216-225, in two series.

He succeeded in making his three 216's in succession, but over two series, so once more no patch. To get a patch you have to roll three identical games in a row. Champ is a member of Ring #9, of Passaic and Bergen Counties.

Ring #14 pays final tribute to Kid Sokolow—Oscar Sokolow—who fought under the name of Kid Sokolow and met some of the best in his class in the 20's. He passed away recently.

Sokolow lived in North Hudson, and in Jersey City, before moving to Islin, N.J. He boxed out of Union City, N. J. He was a member of the board of governors of Ring #14 of Hudson County, N.J.

Ring #12, of Atlantic City, with president Buckey Scraduzio and Austin Johnson, former Atlantic City heavyweight, will run professional boxing in that city.

Johnson says there are many boys training in his gym that want action and he will give it to them by running pro fights. "I intend to run two sixes and the rest four rounders, until I can develop some real good boys, then I will bring the best to Atlantic City, N.J.," says Johnson.

Nicky Lyons, New York City gym owner, and manager of amateur and pro boxers, will reorganize VBA Ring #16, of Duchess County, N.Y. Lyons who lives in Cold Springs, N.Y., says he has many ex-boxers who want to be active. "As soon as we reorganize, we will join the nat'l organization and get a charter," states Nicky.

Angel Avilles, former lightweight champion of Mexico, who fought Willie Pep twice, is in Santa Cruz, Mexico, where he trains a stable of boxers. Angel is singing the praises of his heavyweight, Pulgarcito Ramos, who has a good record since turning professional. Avilles wants to come to New York to show the big heavyweight. He says that Ramos can hit, box and is a tough hombre.

Gym owner Sam Sabilio, of Paterson N.J., who developed many boys in his Market Street Gym in Paterson, N.J., now works as a real estate man in Passaic County, N.J.

Earl Puryear, of Omaha, Nebraska, is Secretary of Ring #37, and will have his organization join the Nat'l VBA organization. Puryear is a former bantamweight contender from out of the west, and fought the best in his class. Ring #37 has made this writer a member of that club.

Anthony "Tony" Debellis, who fought around northern N.J. back in the 20's and was a real tough cookie, is Chief of Police in Orange, N.J., and a member of Ring #25, of Union Essex, and Morris Counties, N. J.

Carmine Bilotti, former matchmaker of the Newark Laurel Gardens, and ex-boxing manager, is doing the publicity for Freehold Harness Race Track, N.J. Bilotti also does the announcing at the TV amateur bouts in Newark, N.J. His son John, is a dentist in Lynhurst, N.J.

Joie Eulo, great little flyweight of the late 20's still makes his home in Lynhurst, N.J. and has a bar and grill on Valley Road, Lynhurst.

Jack Larkin has appointed former New York boxer Georgie Rugg as a good will ambassador for the Nat'l VBA Organization. Rugg, a member of Ring #8 N.Y. has been traveling throughout the west and has stopped to visit many VBA clubs in that area. In Detroit, he visited with former welterweight contender Chuck Davey, Michigan's Boxing Commissioner and a member of Ring #32 of Michigan.

Red Burman, former Baltimore heavyweight contender of the 30's, is a tavern owner, in Baltimore, and is running for sheriff of that city. Burman, at one time, was managed by Jack Dempsey.

Pete Montesi, veteran boxer from Danbury, Conn., and former G.I. of the 2nd World War who was a double amputee, is forming a VBA club in the area.

Pete, former boxer, promoter, and matchmaker, is still very active in the boxing. He runs a millinery business in Danbury. Montesi never misses a Madison Square Garden fight. Pete has many friends throughout the world. Montesi, as a boxer had 47 bouts. He was the manager of the middleweight contender of the 40's, Jimmy Beau. He received three purple hearts while in the U.S. Army.

Charter number #41 has been given to a group of ex-boxers from Bucks County, Pa. Tony Strazzeri was elected as president, and Freddie Kelly, as Vice-President. Harry Lamb, is the Sec.

Nick Barone, Syracuse, former light heavyweight contender in the 50's, works for the Canada Dry Soda Co., in Upstate New York, and also serves as a public relationsman for the Company.

Steve Hamas, former heavyweight contender of the early 30's is with the N.J. State Motor Vehicle Inspection Station in Lynhurst, N.J. Hamas is a member of Ring #9, of Passaic and Bergen Counties, N.J.

RUBBER CITY BOXING
By John L. McCafferty

Oscar Kortowich and Eddie Schauer put on another fine boxing show at the Canton Memorial Auditorium recently. Marion Conner, 179, Canton's light heavy contender, scored a TKO over Eddie Dembry, 180, of Chicago, in the 6th. It was a very interesting match between boxer Dembry and puncher Conner. It was fairly even until the finish when Dembry suffered a badly cut left eye. Conner appeared to be getting stronger as the rounds went by and was coming on fast when the bout ended.

Bobby Carrillo, 136, Chicago, looked good in stopping Jerome Ware, 140, Alliance, in 2. Lyle Randolph, 137, Akron, made his pro debut in fine fashion. He won a TKO over tough Sidney Dean, 137, Grand Rapids, in the 3rd. Dean also looked good even in losing. Randolph had the edge in reach and experience. Larry Treadwell, 140, Alliance, won over Eddie Bell, 134, Ashtabula, in 4 fast rounds. Art Curley Miller, 180, Mansfield, lost a close 3rd decision to Jessie James, 174, Detroit in a hard fight. Pablo Caripides refereed the main bout in his usual fine style. Ralph Miller worked the prelims and did a good job.

Perth Killinger, Jr., is still having trouble lining up fights for Ohio welter champ Fate Davis. The top boys shyaway when Davis is mentioned as an opponent.

Akron junior middleweight Ronnie Delaney has resumed training after a busy summer in his business of tree surgeon. Delaney plans a busy schedule of fall and winter bouts on his comeback. He has been offered bouts in Texas and on the West Coast. He may also make a New York Appearance.

Shelby, Ohio, flyweight Little Tommy Fix is in great form and going great guns but cannot find to much opposition in this section. Promoter Eddie Schauer is planning on bringing in some top west coast flyweights to meet Fix on his Canton shows this winter.

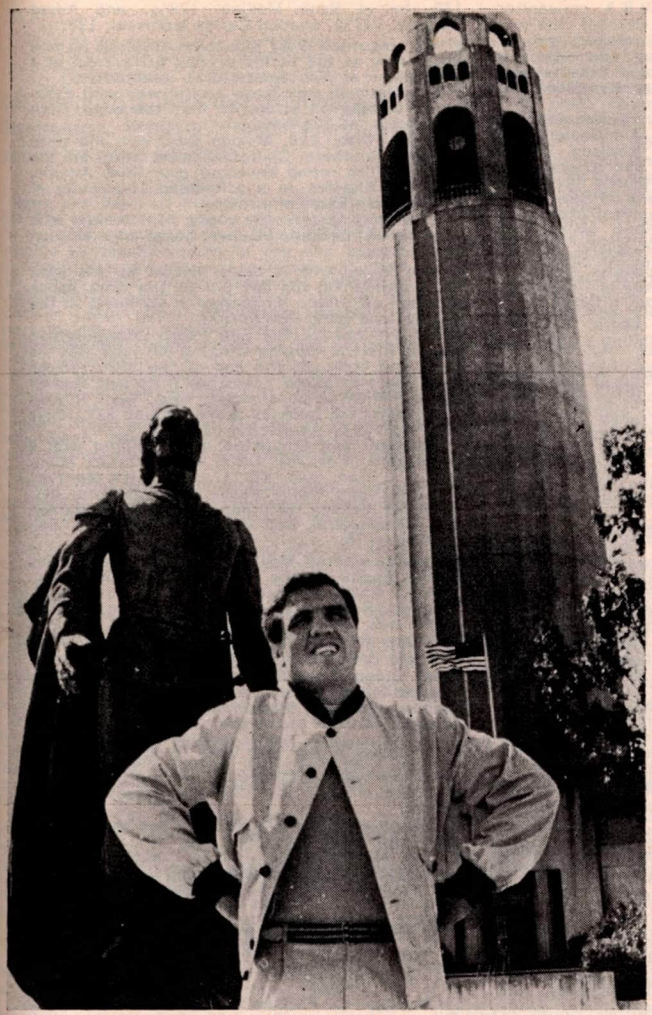
Art Miller, Veteran Mansfield heavyweight is a real crowd pleaser and always gives a good account of himself—win or lose.

BOXING IN OKLAHOMA
By Bob Johnson

Boxing returned to Oklahoma City, after a two year lay-off, under the expert guidance of Promotor "Pinky" George. Results are as follows:

MAIN EVENT—10 ROUNDS—George "Scrap Iron" Johnson, 207, Oklahoma City, won a unanimous decision over Emil Umek, 189, of Los Angeles. Unleashing a savage body attack, "Scrap Iron" was a little too much for Umek in a very good fight.

CO-MAIN EVENT—10 ROUNDS—Wayman Gray, 126, Salt Lake City. Utah, won a close decision over Joe Miller, 123, of Los Angeles. This fight was very close and one of the best ever seen in Oklahoma City. 6 ROUNDS—Freddie Mills of McAlester, Oklahoma, 147, won a decision over Richard Medrano, 145, Austin, Texas. Mills is one of the best prospects to come out of Oklahoma in a long time. As of this date he is undefeated. 4 ROUNDS—Alonzo Harris, 175, Oklahoma City, fought a draw with Kid Longoria, 180, Austin, Texas. This was the most exciting preliminary of the night, a real slug fest. 4 ROUNDS—Louis Hargrove, 147, Austin, Texas, gave Roger Day, 150, Oklahoma City, a height advantage plus a good reach adavantage and won a unanimous decision.



Piero del Papa, light heavyweight champion of Europe, admires the sights of San Francisco when he was there for his losing bout to Bobo Olson. The landmarks behind del Papa are a statue of Christopher Columbus and the Coit Tower.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

DEL PAPA–CALDERWOOD RAINED OUT, TORRES PICKS THE SCOT

By J. A. TREE

MILAN, ITALY — Aside from the Cassius Clay-Karl Mildenberger bout in Frankfurt for the world heavyweight championship, there was little of major importance to report for the month in Europe.

Piero del Papa was to have defended his European light-heavyweight title against Chic Calderwood, of Scotland, in Lignano, the winner to journey to Puerto Rico for a shot at Jose Torres and the world championship, but rain washed out the match in the sixth round.

With no definite arrangement for a resumption of hostilities, Calderwood was selected for the Torres bout in Puerto Rico.

The Lignano match, staged outdoors, was fairly even as far as it went, with both rivals suffering cuts above the eyes. With the canvas slippery from the rain, the referee, Emile Barrand of France, called a halt when del Papa skidded and fell down in the sixth round.

Except for the world heavyweight championship bout in Frankfurt, the main development of the month in Germany was the introduction of a new promoter, Werner M. Gronenberg, in Grossostheim.

One disappointment for Germany was Willi Quatuor's inability to defend his European junior welterweight title against Massimo Consolati of Italy. Quatuor, suffering from a heavy cold, requested a postponement. It was a severe blow to Willi, who was to receive the largest purse of his career, $10,000.

German boxing has shown a marked improvement over any previous year. For the first six months of 1966, a total of 19 promotions were held, engaging 87 boxers, compared to 80 for the same period a year ago.

Frankfurt was the most active community, with Berlin second, and Dortmund,

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CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(UP TO SEPTEMBER 20, 1966)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	LIGHT-HEAVIES	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	LIGHT-MIDDLES
1. Karl Mildenberger (G)	1. Piero Del Papa (I)	1. Nino Benvenuti (I)	1. Sandro Mazzinghi (I)
2. Piero Tomasini (I)	2. Giovanni Biancardi (I)	2. Sugar Boy Nando (H)	2. Yoland Leveque (F)
3. Dante Cane (I)	3. Paul Roux (F)	3. Luis Folledi (S)	3. Bo Hoberg (Sw)
4. Gerhard Zech (G)	4. Peter Gumpert (G)	4. Carlos Duran (I)	4. Peter Mueller (G)
5. Sante Amonti (I)	5. Yvan Prebeg (Y)	5. Jupp Elze (G)	5. Jo Gonzales (F)
6. Benito Penna (I)	6. Pekka Kokkonen (Fn)	6. Jacques Marty (F)	6. Pierre Minier (F)
7. Giuseppe Migliari (I)	7. Vittorio Saraudi (I)	7. Bruni Santini (I)	7. Werner Mundt (G)
8. Albert Westphal (G)	8. Bernard Thebault (F)	8. Pascal di Benedetto (F)	8. Jean Baptiste Rolland (F)
9. Giorgio Masteghin (I)	9. Bas van Duivenbode (H)	9. Luciano Lugli (I)	9. Bo Petersson (Sw)
10. Peter Weiland (G)	10. Giulio Saraudi (I)	10. Tom Bogs (D)	10. Armando Pallarin (I)
WELTERWEIGHTS	**LIGHT-WELTERS**	**LIGHTWEIGHTS**	**JUNIOR LIGHTS**
1. Jean Josselin (F)	1. Sandro Lopopolo (I)	1. Maurice Tavant (F)	1. Jose Legra (S)
2. Conny Rudhof (G)	2. Willi Quatuor (G)	2. Angel Robinson Garcia (F)	2. Kid Tano (S)
3. Carmelo Bossi (I)	3. Piero Brandi (I)	3. Marcel Cerdan (F)	3. Jean de Keers (B)
4. Francois Pavilla (F)	4. Juan Sombrita (S)	4. Franco Brondi (I)	4. Jacques Bottier (F)
5. Stig Waltersson (Sw)	5. Olli Maki (Fn)	5. Boerge Krogh (D)	5. Luis Aisa (S)
6. Domenico Tiberia (I)	6. Aissa Hashas (F)	6. Aldo Pravisani (I)	6. Luigi Braccini (I)
7. Carmelo Garcia (S)	7. Jarmo Bergloef (Fn)	7. Leon Zadourian (F)	7. Vicente Ferrando (S)
8. Andres Navarro (S)	8. Bruno Arcari (I)	8. Rene Roque (F)	8. Angel Neches (S)
9. Alfredo Parmeggiani (I)	9. Romano Bianchi (I)	9. Boualem Belouard (F)	9. Manuel Serrano (S)
10. Lelo Suarez (S)	10. Jose Madrazo (S)	10. Vincenzo Pitardi (I)	10. Miguel Roman (S)

FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Yves Desmarets (F)	1. Mimum ben Ali (S)	1. Rene Libeer (F)
2. Andres Silanos (I)	2. Tommaso Galli (I)	2. Salvatore Burruni (I)
3. Lino Mastellaro (I)	3. Kamara Diop (F)	3. Antoine Porcel (F)
4. Lothar Abend (G)	4. Pierre Vetroff (F)	4. Paul Chervet (Sw)
5. Jesus Zarco (S)	5. Jose Bisbal (S)	5. Fernando Atzori (I)
6. Michel Houdeau (F)	6. Federico Scarponi (I)	6. Fritz Chervet (Sw)
7. Carmelo Coscia (I)	7. Jan Persson (Sw)	7. Pierre Rossi (F)
8. Felix Brami (F)	8. Jean Parra (F)	8. Etienne Giminez (F)
9. Jan Persson (Sw)	9. Franco Zirlo (I)	9. Giuseppe Gali (I)
10. Risto Luukkonen (Fn)	10. Michel Lamora (F)	10. Vittorio Riccardi (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland I Italy; L Luxembourg; S Spain; SD Switzerland; SW Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

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SEEN AND HEARD

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financial break on their venture.

The witnesses were treated to a lively card, with a happy blend of clever boxing, snappy punching and plenty of action.

In the main event, promising young Long Islander, Elliott Miller, 159, Brentwood, was too strong and aggressive for Freddie DeVore, 159½, Harlem, and won handily in eight rounds. It was Miller's eighth straight win after losing his first start.

Another up-and-coming Long Islander, Bob Stallings, 200, Freeport, was a clear winner in the semi-final six, whipping Frank (Oh!) Fudge, 187, Westbury. Another scheduled six ended at 1:03 of the third with Lee Clemons, 150½, Wyandanch, halting Curtis Phillips, 148, Harlem.

In fours, Don Waldheim, 183½, Brooklyn, won from Al Brooks, 214¾, Springfield, Mass., and Herbie Brown, 155, Brooklyn, beat a borough rival, Joey Vasquez, 159.

In what Madison Square Garden announced as the final card of the 1966 summer schedule, Johnny Persol, 180¼, Brooklyn, moved up from the light-heavyweight ranks, spotted 13 pounds to previously unbeaten James J. Woody, 193¼, Bronx, and won decisively in an interesting if not exciting ten.

Woody went into the ring with a three-year record of ten straight wins, but this was his first outing in nearly six months. He was obviously rusty and couldn't compete with Persol's speed and sharper punching.

Moving constantly, Persol was too fast and elusive for his heavier but slower opponent, and he scored effectively with left jabs and hooks, right counters and snappy two-handed combinations. Johnny connected with the best punch of the fight when he tossed a right in the fourth round that jolted Woody and drew blood from his nose.

The Brooklynite was a decisive winner on all three official scorecards. Both judges agreed on 9-1 counts, while Referee Petey Della made it a closer 6-4.

In an action-packed co-featured ten between two undefeated Puerto Rican youngsters, Victor Melendez, 132¼, outfought Benito Ortiz, 129¾, but he had a close call in the final stanza when floored by a right to the head.

In preliminary bouts, Willie Munoz, 150, another promising Puerto Rican, polished off Billy Lonergan, 148½, Rosedale, L. I., at 2:23 of the fifth; Roscoe Gregory, 143¼, Brooklyn, outslugged Hugo Figueroa, 146¼, Chile, in six, and Willie Burton, 166, Harlem, decisioned Felix Santiago, 161, Puerto Rico, in four.

In the spacious 18,500-seat Garden, the sparse turnout, generously estimated at 3,000, gave the impression of an intimate gathering of friends and relatives. The official figures were not released but the gross receipts looked somewhere between $12,000 and $15,000.

ADDENDA—One of the many distinctions earned by the late Mike McTigue in the ring was that of being the only Irishman ever to acquire a world championship in his native land. Although sons and nephews of the Ould Sod had long been predominant in the fist-tossing trade, the only one before McTigue to shoot for a world title in Ireland wasn't as fortunate as Mike. He was heavyweight Jem Roche, also selected for a St. Patrick's Day in Dublin to make his bid for a championship. It was in 1908, and Roche failed to last a half-round with the touring Canadian, Tommy Burns, who required only 1 minute, 28 seconds to demolish his challenger. That mark still stands as the fastest KO over registered in a heavyweight title bout.

A double batch of congratulations to Battling Odin Dudrich, popular Passaic, N.J., welterweight of the '20s, who made a two-in-one celebration of his 63rd birthday by taking unto himself a bride, the former Ruby Curts of Jacksonville, Fla., in a civil ceremony at the Hotel Alexander Hamilton in Paterson. Vincent Rigolisi, mayor of Garfield, and a member of V.B.A. Ring 9, welded the matrimonial knot. The mayor, incidentally, is one of four brothers and three sisters who matriculated at Syracuse University, and are now prominent in various North Jersey activities. Of the brothers, all of whom competed in collegiate boxing at Syracuse, one is a physician, another an aeronautics engineer and the third a scholastic physical director. The sisters are all school teachers.

Mentioning the Alexander Hamilton Hotel in Paterson, where the National V.B.A. convention will be held the third week in October, the new owner, Paul Lockman, a Polish refugee, was active in European amateur boxing, and estimates that in continental, national and international meets, many of them involving championships, he refereed some 3,000 bouts.

The ubiquitous Lew Burston, former one-man Foreign Department, Travelers Aid Society and Domestic Relations Court of Madison Square Garden's boxing organization, has arranged to handle special assignments for Morris Sussman's "Travel Horizons, Unlimited," one of New York's leading travel agencies. With his vast experience in international sports promotions, which have carried him over most of the globe, Burston should prove a valuable asset to Sussman's agency without interfering with his boxing interests. Lew is co-representative of former world middleweight champion Dick Tiger and the flashy Cuban 126-130-pounder Jose Legra, currently operating out of Spain and compiling a spectacular record in European rings.

Curtis Cokes, the World Boxing Association's new welterweight "champion," hasn't had much luck in television appearances. In a 52-bout career that began in 1958, the rangy 29-year-old Texan has suffered seven defeats—and two of them have been in his only national TV outings! In 1963 he was out-hustled by Jose Stable in a ten-rounder at Sunnyside Garden here, and the following year Stan Haywood demolished him in four stanzas in Philadelphia.

The New York fight crowd has been stunned by grim tidings of two popular veterans—Former world lightweight and welterweight champion Barney Ross is reported critically ill in Chicago, and Whitey Bimstein, one of the trade's best known trainers, has just lost another decision to diabetes at the Kingsbridge (Bronx) Veterans Hospital here. Last year Whitey had several toes taken from his left foot, and now his right leg has been amputated below the knee!

There may not be anything "new under the sun," but we cannot recall anything to quite match a recent development in the British Empire Games in Jamaica, West Indies. In the heavyweight boxing division, John Coker, a Sierre Leone (West Africa) student at Oxford, was disqualified because his hands were so big no gloves could be found to fit them!

Dr. Max Novich, of South Orange and Perth Amboy, N. J., has been appointed physician for the U.S. amateur boxing team during its jaunt shortly to Europe for international meets with Italian, West German and British squads in Naples, Berlin and London, respectively. Incidentally, the popular medico, for his long and meritorious contributions to boxing, will be honored at the coming (October 21, 22 and 23) convention of the National Veterans Boxing Association at the Hotel Alexander Hamilton in Paterson. Dr. Novich is a member of V.B.A. Ring 25, embracing the New Jersey counties of Essex, Union and Morris, and also is on the medical staff of the National.

As this issue was going to press, a flash from Brooklyn reported the passing of one-time (1924-25) world bantamweight champion Eddie (Cannonball) Martin, 63. The time limit and lack of available space in this issue make it impossible for us to do an obit on Martin and his colorful career, but we'll have one in the next issue.

Two other late news dispatches, both from California, concerned the final counts droned over former world middleweight champion (1914-17) Al McCoy, 74, in Los Angeles, and long-time fight figure Johnny Keyes, also 74, in Chula Vista (San Diego), where he'd been managing a restaurant, "Spaghetti Joe's."

As with Cannonball Martin, lack of available space makes it impossible in this issue to do a complete coverage of McCoy's ring career, but we'll do it next month.

A denizen of New York's "Mulberry Bend," Keyes (nee Andrew Canonica) delighted in billing himself as the "Mayor of Chinatown." He fought as a flyweight and bantamweight in his youth, but had blown up into heavyweight proportions when he and the late Jimmy Kelly combined forces to handle one of the nation's largest and busiest fight "stables" during the '20s and early '30s. We'll have more to say about Keyes and his colorful career in these pages next month.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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Raton Perez, 120, of Mexico City, made his USA debut a winning one, nodding Butch Contreras, 119½, L.A. Golden Glove champ, in a six rounder.

Other bouts: Lonnie Harris, 157, dec. Amando Rodriguez, 159, (3); Irish Larry Harding, 146, KO (1) over Eddie Dominguez, 144. These are amateur fights.

▸ Two eight rounders attracted a turnout of 1600 fans to Sacramento's Civic Auditorium. Alex Luna, 128, halted Rene Medina, 128½, and Alfred Holguin, 137½, shaded Carlos Monrreal, 137.

▸ Well regarded Pete Gonzalez suffered a mild upset loss at the hands of Ray Echeverria in a 10-rounder at San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

The skirmish was close all the way with Echeverria coming on strong to take the edge. Both weighed in at 128 pounds.

▸ Raton Perez, 119, Mexico City, won his third straight Southern California start with an impressive fifth round knockout over Mike Adame, 117, Los Angeles, in a scheduled 10-rounder at the Arena in San Bernardino.

Irish Jerry Quarry, the young heavyweight who recently lost to Eddie Machen, boxed an exhibition on the card.

▸ Raul Rojas, who is better known for his right hand wallop, let his left jab do the work as he polished off Arturo Vingochea in six heats at the Sacramento Civic Auditorium.

For five rounds, the San Pedro longshoreman stalked his foe, flinging stinging left jabs into the head and body. At the end of the fifth, referee Luis Gonzalez asked Vingochea if he had enough and the Mexican boxer wisely said "yes". It goes into the record book as a sixth round KO. Rojas weighed 129¾; Vingochea, 128¼.

Promoter Will Edgington had a winner with a gross gate of $5,784. Other bouts: Carlos Monrreal, 136, San Jose, KO (4) over Jesse Montion, 136, Stockton; Benny Passa, 172, Oakland, dec. (6) Tiger Jackson, 170, San Jose; Questa Walker, 140, Sacramento, and Eugene Parker, 144, San Jose, drew (6).

▸ **Fresno**—Veteran Mexican featherweight Mayico Robles finally hit the win column when he outpointed Battling Chava in a hard fought 10-rounder. Robles tipped the fairbanks at 122; Chava was 120.

Johnny Perez, 125, Fresno, Ko'ed Joey Padilla, 124, Los Angeles in two rounds.

▸ **San Diego**—Busy Bobby Valdez, 127, didn't disappoint his town followers as he collected a 10-rounder over Beto Maldonado, 127, San Fernando before 1500 fans at the San Diego Coliseum.

▸ **Los Angeles**—Davey Contreras, another of the fighting Contreras clan, moved into the main event class with a narrow 10 round win over Wayman Gray of Salt Lake City at the Olympic Auditorium.

Contreras, 124½, Los Angeles, is a local Golden Glove titlist. Gray weighed 126.

Irish Mike Thomas, 148½, a nephew of one time middleweight contender Glen Lee, hammered out a six rounder over Phil Garcia, 150, Santa Monica. Mike hails from Hawthorne. Ronaldo Henriquez, 145, Mexico City KO (1) over Ron Smith, 153, Los Angeles; Rod Reed, 162, Hollywood, KO (1) over Johnny Lewis, 164, Los Angeles; Armando Muniz, 156, Los Angeles, KO (3) over Liston David, 159, Los Angeles.

▸ **Los Angeles**—Referee George Latka ruled Ray Coleman helpless after 1.49 of the sixth round, raising Mando Ramos' hand. The beach bomber was in command from the opening round on.

Ralph Palladin, 156, San Diego, dec. John Gartner, 157, Frankford, Germany, (6); Manny Lugo, 137, Los Angeles, dec. Charley Harvey, 137, St. Louis (6); Roger Clark, 141, San Diego, dec. Allen Seyers, 138, Liverpool, England (6).

▸ **BETWEEN ROUNDS**—Another one of boxing's old guards has passed on. Willie Orner, 68, died of a heart attack in Los Angeles. For many years, Willie owned and operated the original Main Street Gym, a strong rival to Stillman's Gym. Though the gym was destroyed by fire in 1950, Willie continued to maintain a strong interest in the game and was a regular every Thursday night at the Olympic Auditorium. . . .

Many writers thought Manny Linson took the easy way out against Mando Ramos, but it was revealed the next day that the little Mexican suffered a broken jaw. . . . Don Fraser, the Olympic's crack publicity director, is back on the job following a month's tour of Europe. . . . While overseas, Fraser made contacts with foreign managers.

The weekly main events at the Olympic are shown throughout the USA on a delayed tape basis. . . . The "live" card every Thursday is now telecast in color by KTLA, channel 5. . . .

Jack Hawn, boxing scribe for the Hollywood Citizen News, has left the paper to join the script side of the 12 O'Clock High TV series.

Jesus Pimentel continues to show marked recovery from his December 1965 ten round loss to Jose Medel. Pimentel has scored four straight knockouts this year, his latest victim being Irish Jackie Burke, of Canada.

Burke, 116, was stopped in four rounds. He gave away seven pounds.

Jim Jacobs, who owns the largest collection of fight films in existence, is continuously looking to purchase, or trade, for rare fights on film. Write:

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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Kiel, Wuppertal, Bielefeld, Hamburg, Bad Oeynhausen, Wolfsburg and Neumunster trailing by close margins.

ITALY

There has been no slowdown in Italian activities. The past month was a typically busy one. The main developments were heavyweight Sante Amonti's successful return to the ring and the coronation of a new national middleweight champion, Carlos Duran, the transplanted Argentino.

▸ **LUMEZZANE**—Amonti's showing against the American Leroy Green encouraged Sante's followers to feel their idol may be ready to regain the heavyweight championship he lost on points to Piero Tomassoni.

Amonti was a decisive victor over Green in an exciting ten-rounder, and his lusty body punches put the American down twice for counts of eight in rounds three and seven. On the same card, a featherweight bout ended in the third when Amborgio retired with a cut eye inflicted by Mario Negrini.

▸ **TURIN**—Middleweight champion Bruno Santini was given a boxing lesson by Carlos Duran, who annexed the decision and the title after twelve rounds.

Dante Cane stopped Giuseppe Migliari in six rounds (heavyweights), and the veteran Giordano Campagi won from Palazzodello in a junior welterweight eight.

▸ **SALERMO**—Ciro Cipriano decisioned Daniel Brunet of France in a middleweight eight.

▸ **LIVORNO**—A welterweight bout ended in the sixth when Jerafino Lucherine retired, giving Romano Fernali the victory.

▸ **BRINDIZI**—Ciro Patronelli outscored Domenico Belvederesi in a middleweight eight.

▸ **MODENA**—In another middleweight clash, Fabio Bettini outpointed Tommaso Truppi in ten.

▸ **RIMINI**—Efren Donati drew with Roger Younsi, French lightweight, in eight. Another lightweight pairing produced a decision for Edo Petrucci over Antoine Becco in eight.

▸ **TERRACINA**—Dio Benvenuti, brother of European middleweight champion, Nino, suffered a cut eyebrow and had to retire in round three of a fight with Umberto Pomarico. Also shortened was a lightweight bout, Salvatore Contorno winning from Victor Texeira when the referee called a halt in round six.

▸ **LIMBIATE**—In a featherweight duel over eight rounds, Renato Galli decisioned Felice Becco.

▸ **PESARO**—Adriano Rosati scored over Jorge Fiodelmondo when their light-heavyweight bout was halted by the referee in round two.

▸ **GROSSETO**—Dino Fontana outpointed Mario Oberti in a featherweight eight.

▸ **ALGHERO**—Featherweight Andrea Silanos edged Michel Lamora of France in eight.

▸ **SONCINO**—Ermanno Fasoli was credited with winning from Jullio Sanirato in a middleweight eight.

▸ **CARACAS** (Venezuela)—World junior welterweight champion Sandro Lopopolo was declared loser, then given half the points, after ten rounds of non-title action with Vicente Rivas. The referee, Crispulo Salazar, erred when adding up his scorecard. Rivas was down for a count of eight in eighth round but came back with a strong rally in the final session. Lopopolo appeared to have an off-night.

▸ **BOLOGNA**—It was announced that Pascal di Benedetto of France probably would be selected as the opponent in Nino Benvenuti's next defense of his European middleweight title.

▸ **CONEGLIANO**—Bepi Ross beat Andre Wyns of Belgium in four rounds (heavyweights), and Antonio Paiva whipped Domenico Pillon in a lightweight eight.

▸ **SENIGALLIA**—Sandro Lopopolo, world junior welterweight champion, had some rough going with the German Klaus Klein in ten rounds. The champion was down in the ninth. Klein was warned by the referee after a clash of heads in the final stanza. A big crowd of Klein's rooters made the trip from Germany for the bout.

SCANDINAVIA

▸ **GOTHENBURG**—American heavyweights, especially ex-world champions, have been finding the pickin's very good in Sweden. Floyd Patterson has grabbed some fine paydays here, and now Sonny Liston has become a popular attraction with the Scandinavian populace. In his first appearance he knocked out the German, Gerhard Zech, in the seventh round in Stockholm, and he followed that performance by devastating a rival American, Amos Johnson, in three rounds here in Gothenburg. Johnson, originally out of California, now domiciled in Medina, Ohio, was never in the fight. He was on the defensive from the start, but Liston had no difficulty catching him. Early in the second round Sonny opened a cut over Amos' left eye, and moments later dropped him with a left hook. Johnson bounded up at the count of eight, but Liston was not to be denied. As he closed in on the former Californian, Johnson tried to tie him up, but Sonny shook him off and caught him with a right, dropping him for another eight-count. Again Amos stumbled groggily to his feet but Liston sent him crashing to the canvas once more, the bell saving him from being counted out. Johnson hadn't fully recovered when the third round started, and Liston dealt him heavy punishment before knocking him out. Time of round: 1:48. The bout, staged in the open-air Ullevi Stadium, attracted a capacity crowd of 24,000.

SPAIN

Jose Legra's all-winning campaign in Spain continues to be the big news on the Iberian peninsula. The Cuban added two more victories to his rapidly-expanding list by stopping Jose Ribeiro in seven rounds in Obiero, and an American, Tommy Thompson, in one frame in San Sebastian. Legra, noted previously for his fast, flashy boxing, seems to have developed a real punch, and his two impressive k.o.'s would appear to strengthen his bid for a world junior lightweight championship match with Flash Elorde. Other Spanish results:

▸ **MADRID**—Veteran bantamweight Felix Alonso decisioned Serfagini Cardos in eight. Another bantamweight eight resulted in a victory for Francisco Martinez over Francisco Berdonces. In other bantam eights, Manolin Alvarez stopped Jose Rodriguez in four, and Tony Lopez decisioned Jose Robledo.

▸ **BARCELONA**—Miguel Roman outpointed Vita Alves (lightweights) ten, and Manuel Vilchez drew with Jesus Banos (featherweights), eight.

▸ **CASABLANCA**—Junior welterweight Giuseppe Oechipint of Italy protested he was "robbed" when the verdict went against him in an eight-rounder with Marcel Cerdan.

▸ **SANTANDER**—Celmiro Rios won from Jose Pualacios in a lightweight eight.

▸ **VALENCIA**—Pedro Carrasco stopped Victor Texeira in round five of lightweight clash; on same card, Jose Hermandez decisioned Manchego in middleweight eight.

▸ **ALMEIRA**—Jose Bisbal retained Spanish bantamweight championship by forcing Carlos Flaque to retire in round eight.

▸ **MADRID**—Pedro Carrasco halted Ricardo Navarro in fourth (lightweights).

▸ **BILBAO**—Middleweight Luis Folledo got back on the winning trail by outfighting Pedro Votta, 10. On same card, Jose Maria Madrazo won from Quintino Suarez in welterweight eight, and Luis Aisa decisioned Rolando Senators in featherweight eight.

▸ **VALENCIA**—Pedro Carraso posted another victory by whipping Manuel Prieto in a lightweight ten, and De Domingo halted Tony Falcon in round four.

▸ **TARRASA**—Lope de Pablo won from Ben Amar in featherweight ten, and Manuel Larroya outpointed Leopoldo Escuin in a middleweight eight.

▸ **SALAMANCA**—Antonio Coria retired in round six with Angel Guinaldo (welterweights). A lightweight bout also was abbreviated when Vicenzo Pitardo stopped Fernando Perez in the fifth.

▸ **OLVELDO**—In lightweight bouts, Jose Legra stopped Jose Ribeiro in six, and Tony Ortiz decisioned Aragon Rios in eight. In welterweight match on same card, Tony Rios outscored Eduardo Romaniega in eight.

▸ **SAN SEBASTIAN**—Tommy Thompson, a featherweight importation from the United States, was no match for Jose Legra, who polished him off in one round. On the same card, European bantamweight champion Mimun outpointed a Ghanaian, Sonny Northing, in a non-title ten-rounder.

▸ **MADRID**—On an all-bantamweight card, Manuel Medina drew with Jose Arranx; Francisco Martinez decisioned Felix Alonzo and Tony Lopez outpointed Manolin Alvarez, all eight-rounders.

▸ **BARCELONA**—Spanish welterweight champion Juan Sombrita stopped Antonio Coria, one. In a middleweight clash, Angel Robinson Garcia was held to a draw by Navarro Moreno, eight, and in a welterweight eight Jose Grandio finished in front of veteran Vicente Ferrando.

▸ **SANTANDER**—Continuing his "comeback," Spanish middleweight champion Luis Folledo halted Michel Diouf in round six. In a lightweight eight on same card, Jose Luis Torcida outpointed Raul Tejera.

▸ **ALMERIA**—Jose Bisbal decisioned Bob Allotey, 10.

▸ **MADRID**—Francisco Martinez outscored Tony Lopes in bantamweight ten; San Jose stopped Angel Grela in fourth of a light-heavyweight fray, and Pedro Carrasca forced Gomez Acebo out of action in round three.

▸ **BILBAO**—Fabian Bellanco had to be content with half the points in a flyweight eight with Wellington Vitella.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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The farcical ending brought loud booing from the crowd that gave London an ovation when he entered the ring.

Many declared this was a mismatch. The stewards of the British Boxing Board Of Control, who met to obtain the reports of The Referee and Inspector besides the stewards in charge, gave out This Statement;—

"We are of the opinion that Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) is a great champion. London's record was obviously considered before the fight and we consider it to have been a suitable challenge."

If it's the best that our heavyweights can do, it will be a long, long time before we have a British challenger for the title.

The preliminary bouts brought more action in their contests than London put into his quest of the heavyweight title.

Billy Gray, Walsall, 200½, one of our younger prospects, defeated Tommy "Hurricane" Simms, U-S-A, 180½, in the fourth, when the latter was ruled out for infringements of the boxing rules.

Al White, Forest Hill, 138, former amateur champion, kept his unbeaten record with a good win over Chris Elliott, Leicester, 137½, to win on points in an interesting eight.

Pat Dwyer, Liverpool, and Dennis Pleace, Cardiff, 155, supplied the do-or-die battle with honors going to Dwyer by a narrow margin. The crowd did not take kindly to the decision. A draw would have satisfied everyone.

Oblety Commey, welterweight champion of Ghana, 145½, gained his second British victory when he outpointed Sammy McSpadden, Fulham via Scotland, 149, in a thrilling and hard hitting eight. Jack Brown, Edinburgh, former British and Empire flyweight champion, 118¾, outpointed Carl Taylor, Richmond, 119¾, in a hectic eight. Ken Buchanan, Edinburgh, former amateur champion, 131½, kept his unbeaten record, twelve wins, when he put up another of his good performances in outpointing Ivan Whiter, Tooting, 137½, in a thrilling battle over eight rounds.

▸ **SHOREDITCH.** Ron Redrup, West Ham, 184½, outroughed John Hendrickson, Battersea, 176¼, in a thrilling eight. Referee Mike Jacobs had a hard task keeping both fighters within the rules. In the final two rounds Redrup got the upper hand

Chris Elliott Leicester, 137½, gained a narrow points win over Jimmy Mitchell, Wandsworth, 133, in an exciting eight. Len Gibbs, St. Pancras, 158½, stopped Dave Wakefield, Hackney, 162, when the referee intervened during the seventh after Wakefield had suffered a badly cut eye.

▸ **GOVAN.** Evan Armstrong, Ayr, 121¾, gaind an easy victory when he stopped Oye Turpin, Ghana, 123½, in the second, after taking three counts, referee George Smith decided that the latter was not in condition to carry on.

Joe Somerville Berkhampstead, 155¼, came from behind and three knockdowns to recover and outpoint Willie Connolly, Glasgow, 166, in six. George Hind, Glasgow, 112½, gained a points win over Baby John, Rhodesia, 113¼, in six. Tommy Connor, Glasgow, 123½, gained a narrow points win over Simon Tiger, Nigeria, 123, in six.

▸ **TORQUAY.** Sammy Abbey, Ghana, 120, sprang a surprise when he stopped Gerald Jones, Merthyr, 119½, in the fifth. Jones started fast to gain the advantage over the lad from Ghana, but a hard right hander nailed him as he came forward and he went crashing to the canvas, his head hitting the floor. Recovering well, the Welshman made a good fight of it, until another counter blow put him down in the fourth.

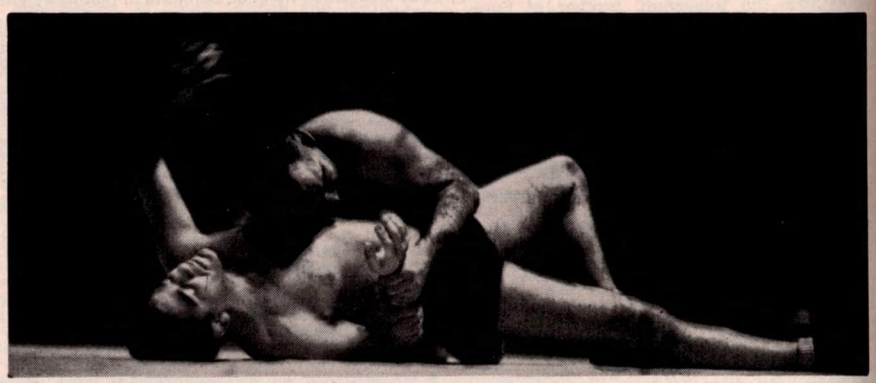
No sooner had the bell sounded for the fifth than Abbey nailed Jones in a corner, and let fly with both hands. The referee wisely intervened.

Chris Cox, Exmouth, 189, was too strong for Ivor Evans, Bournemouth, 172½, and after Evans was floored for eight in the second, the referee intervened in favor of Cox.

Malcolm McNeil, Cardiff, 124, outpointed Pat Hughes, Bournemouth, 126, in good six. Tony Stanton, Cardiff, 134¾, stopped Don Gibson, West Ham, 135¼, in the third after the latter got a cut eye.

Dick Duffy, Cardiff, 150¾, had too many good moves for Wally Williams, Jamaica, 145¼, and was a worthy points winner in six.

Strangler Lewis Died Broke, Blind, Deaf



The late Strangler Lewis (left), during the height of his career, demonstrates his famous headlock. Above we see the Strangler getting an armlock on Sammy Stein in a match at Madison Square Garden in 1932. Lewis, who made millions on the mat, died virtually penniless.

By NAT LOUBET

WHEN Strangler Lewis passed on recently, in a government nursing home near Tulsa, Okla., one of the finest characters in the history of American wrestling unhappily was removed from the scene.

When Lewis, who was Robert H. Friedrich, died he was broke, blind, virtually deaf, and in a deadly coma from which he emerged only occasionally.

Five times had Lewis won the championship. More than 6,200 times had he gone to the mat in a professional career covering 44 years. He had earned between three and four million dollars. But scarcely a peso was left when he passed on, at age 76.

For some years Lewis received a monthly dole of $150 from the National Alliance. At his death, said his wife Betty, he was getting no pension. Not for three months had she received any money from the Alliance, Betty said. This was hard to believe. Certaintly the Strangler, who had done so much for wrestling, could not have been forgotten by those whose debt to him was so great.

However, it has been written that man's inhumanity to man passeth understanding.

Lewis was a broth of a youngster of 14, weight 200 pounds, when he broke into professional wrestling, with a victory.

A Chicago sports writer saw the lad, who called himself Ed Lewis, and decided that here was a counterpart of the famous Evan Strangler Lewis, of long ago. He hung the Strangler moniker on Ed, and it stuck.

Lewis fought them all in his time. He dodged nobody. He made more than $100,000 out of one match, and set a record which never will be approached.

In 1916, Lewis wrestled Joe Stecher for the championship, at Omaha. They went at it for five and a half hours, without result. Later they grappled to a draw for 3 hours 30 minutes. Still later Lewis beat Stecher and became the recognized title holder.

The Strangler's chief asset was the head lock. Contrary to an oft repeated error, he did not invent this hold. But he made millions out of it.

In similar manner, Stecher developed the deadly scissors hold. He did not invent this weapon but turned it into riches and laurels.

Stecher still is alive. But in so far as the wrestling world is concerned, he might be dead. He is in the Veterans' Administration Hospital at St. Cloud, Minn., reportedly oblivious of his surroundings.

Lewis was a character without an equal among the wrestling fraternity. He had utterly no conception of the value of money. In marked contrast was the thrifty policy of Jim Londos, who invested his earnings in real estate and now is a man of independent wealth.

If the Strangler visited a night club, the tips were fives and tens and the check was $500 or more.

Immaculate in dress, right down to his spats, manicured, well groomed, the Strangler presented a picture quite different from that offered by his followers of today.

There was nothing of the "beast", the "beatnik" or the masked horror about Strangler Lewis. He was a master wrestler, a powerful man who, in his prime, tipped the beam at 260 pounds.

In the 1940's, Ed announced that he was retiring. He added that he had become fed up with the horrors of the new school, the football tactics which had been introduced by Gus Sonnenberg, Dartmouth gridiron stalwart.

However, Ed thought better of his resolve to quit and went along for another ten years. He bade the mat goodbye with a match in Honolulu.

As the years rolled along, Lewis found his old power waning. He ran smack into the realization of reduced skills when he was dethroned by Sonnenberg, who lacked even half of Ed's wrestling knowhow.

Lewis suffered blindness twice. He was a victim of trachoma, or mat poisoning, early in his career but recovered. In later years blindness hit him again.

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SEKI MERITS RETURN FIGHT AFTER THREATENING SALDIVAR

By SELSSO TIBORRO

MEXICO CITY, MEX.—Mitsunori Seki, No. 1 contender for the featherweight championship of the world, almost made it in his challenge to Vicente Saldivar. Almost, but not quite.

Saldivar, who had been picked to have no great trouble with the Japanese, got the fight of his life from a determined, hard-hitting foe. However, the unanimous decision in favor of the game champion was merited.

Referee Ramon Berumen saw it 146-138, judge Carlos Gomez scored it 145-141, and judge Roque De Larios turned in a 145-143 card.

Saldivar never will retain his title in a more savage test. From the sixth round on he fought with only one eye in use. The left optic went shut in the sixth and never reopened.

In the fourth round and the fifth, Saldivar was out on his feet. He had taken a mandatory eight in the fourth when a right to the chin decked him, apparently for good. But he came up fighting, and struggled through a terrific fifth.

Saldivar took command in the seventh round, when he dropped Seki for the mandatory eight count.

One fighter or the other was staggered in every one of the fifteen rounds.

Seki presented an unusual problem apart from his gameness. He is a southpaw, but also a switch hitter and this had the champion puzzled and worried.

If ever a challenger was entitled to a return fight Seki is the man.

Alacran Torres, Mexican flyweight champ, stopped Zorrita Gonzalez in the second round and retained his belt.

Mario Diaz, national featherweight champ, outpointed Richie Sue, Chinese American, in 12.

Pulgarcito Ramos, the only known Mexican heavyweight, stopped Wayne Heath from Oklahoma in two rounds. Ramos avenged an earlier defeat at the hands of the American.

▸ Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 112, a boy with both punch and future, stopped Senen Ries, Panama's flyweight champ, in six. Gonzalo Vargas, 112, stopped Gallito Camacho, 111, in the tenth round.

Cele Chavez, 126, stopped Jose Luis Martinez, 125, in 7. Rafael Resendiz, 124, stopped Augusto Angeles, 125, in 4. Armando Vargas, 126, stopped Jose Carranza, 124, in 1.

Japanese challenger Mitsunora Seki made a determined but unsuccessful bid for the world feather crown against Vicente Saldivar but he lost a 15 round decision to the champ.

▸ Genaro Gaytan, 126, kayoed Grillo Duran, 125, in 5. Urbane Davila, 135, outpointed Jeaquin Mendez, 134, in 8. Juan Goroztieta, 118, halted Valdemar de los Santos, 117, in 3.

Marcial Jimenez, 134, decisioned Alfredo Sotelo, 135, in 6. Amando Cruz Najera, 111, stopped Humberto Zacarias, 112, in 2.

▸ Gerardo Luna 118, stopped Francisco Pino, 118, in 1. Enrique Garcia, 124, stopped Al Soria, 124, in 2. Marcelino Luna, 111, outpointed Eloy Gaona, 113, in 6.

Bernardo Sanchez, 132, stopped Roberto Caballero, 133, in 3. Enrique Sanchez, 112, decisioned Eusebio Honorato, 112, in 4.

▸ Lenny Brice, 118, Los Angeles, stopped Raul Vega, 118, in 3. Chano Herrera 126, defeated Roberto Torres, 125, by disqualification, in 4.

Raul Martinez, 118, stopped Manuel Ramirez, 117, in 5. Javier Palencia, 118, outpointed Francisco Martinez, 118, in 6. Joaquin Sanchez, 126, knocked out Jose Antonio Lopez, 125, in 3.

▸ Jerry Stokes, 120, Louisville, Kentucky, outpointed Manuel Galvez, 121, in 10. Eduardo Alvarado, 112, decisioned Pedro Torres, 113, in 8. Mariano Morales, 126, stopped Fernando Garcia, 127, in 2.

Rodrigo Ortiz, 124, outpointed Nacho Castañeda, 124, 6. Memo Espinosa, 117, decisioned Roberto Vazquez, 118, in 4.

▸ Miguel Castro, 117, decisioned Memo Tellez, 118, in 10, and qualified to meet Jose Medel, for the national bantamweight title.

Ramon Camarena, 126, decisioned Jaime "Chamaco" Perez, 126, in 10. Jose Luis Martinez, 126, stopped Jose Medina, 125, in 5. David Monroy, 135, stopped Jose Mañuelos, 134, in 5.

▸ Negro Flores, 147, stopped Manuel Alcala, 146, in 4. Pedro Martinez, 126, stopped Cain Rogero II, 125, in 5. Ricardo Arredondo, 118, decisioned Manuel Justo, 118, in 6.

Ricardo Mora, 118, Ramon Crisantos, 118, in 4. Pedro Arredondo, 135, stopped Javier Ruiz, 134, in 3.

▸ Fernando Sotelo, 124, stopped Rogelio Fernandez, 125, in 7. Alfredo Meneses, 118, stopped Gustavo Martinez, 118, in 3. Gustavo Garcia, 135, decisioned Augustin Chavez, 134, in 8.

Chucho Almazan, 135, stopped Jose Bañuelos, 135, in 5. Hipolito Mejia, 126, outpointed Adan Martinez, 125, in 4.

BOXING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

By Eduardo Amer G.

MERIDA, YUCATAN, MEXICO—While our capital was being regaled with excitement attending the championship fight between Vicente Saldivar and Mitsunori Seki, boxing was having a splurge in all areas outside of the Federal District.

Raul Soriano, lightweight champion of Mexico, retained his title against Carlos Marinero Celis, 135, with a knockout in the second round.

Soriano has been challenging Carlos Ortiz for the world title and may get a hearing soon.

The Soriano-Celis undercard saw Delfino Fino Rosales, 126, knocked out in the ninth round by Hiroshi Kobayashi, featherweight champion of Japan and the Orient.

Antonio Pelido Leal, 113, a newcomer, made a fine showing with a tenth round KO against Jaime Dumbo Perez, 115.

▸ **PUEBLA, PUEBLA:** Raul Romero, 119, decisioned German Vega, 121, in 10 rounds. David Vazquez, 132, iced Daniel Miranda, 133, in the first.

Joel Ruiz beat Guillermo Rodriguez, in six heats. Chatito Flores tko'd Ruben Trujillo in two rounds. Gilo Trujillo and Nacho Zamora drew in four.

▸ **PUEBLA, PUEBLA:** Luis "Zurdo" Vargas, 114, technically stopped Jose Suarez, 113, in the tenth. Hugo Cerezo, 119, halted Victor Mariscal, 118, in five.

Juan Valladares bested Salvador Reyes in six rounds. Enrique Morales outpointed Jose Luis Morales in four. Carlos Martinez won from German Olmos, also in four.

▸ **CORDOBA, VERACRUZ:** Genaro (Japones) Gonzalez, 116, kayoed Jose Suarez, 114, in the first round. Raton Palacios, 116, stopped Kid Gavilan, 119, in the third round. Rosendo Jimenez, 113, stopped Chamaco Arenas, 112, in three. Heriberto Flores iced Jose de la Hoz in the first. Juan Rincon also halted Yeye Rosas in one round.

▸ **PUEBLA, PUEBLA:** Enrique Torres, 115 decisioned Pajarito Vazquez, 117, in ten. Roberto Garcia, 119, TKO'd Lazaro Hernandez, in the sixth.

Dado Mariscal, 118, won in six over Osito Zavala, 117. Gilo Trujillo beat Manuel Mejia in four. Ruben Trujillo whipped Nacho Zamora in four.

▸ **CULIACAN, SINALOA:** Aurelio Cazares, 124, and Kiroshi Kobayashi, 124, of Japan, drew in ten. Celso Oliva, 141, TKO'd Federico Burboa, 139, in eight rounds. David Mejia, 125, bested Tommy Haden, 123, in 10.

▸ **TUXTLA, GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS:** Sensational Julio Guerrero, 113, TKO'd Manuel Avendaño, 113, in four rounds.

▸ **PUEBLA, PUEBLA:** Ismael Santiago, 118, decisioned Fernando "Raton" Segura, 117, in ten. David Vazquez, 133, technically stopped Angel Lezama, 135, in four.

Jose Gutierrez kayoed Pichon Ramirez in the fourth. Ignacio Lima beat Abel Aguilar also in the fourth.

▸ **CORDOBA, VERACRUZ:** Genaro (Japones) Gonzalez, 116, whipped Rosendo Jimenez, 114, in ten. Bruno Garcia, 118, tko'd Anselmo Martinez, 119, in the fifth.

Aaron Silva decisioned Jorge Jimenez in four. Enrique Jimenez TKO'd Baby Rosas in the opening round.

▸ **NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS:** Chucho Garcia, 135, won from veteran Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 136, in ten. Santos Sandoval, 123, stopped Mauro Martinez, 125, in the sixth round.

▸ **MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Luis "Chamaco" Hernandez, 125, of Durango, technically kayoed Jose Ines Cazares, 124, in the fifth round.

▸ **HERMOSILLO, SONORA:** Maximino "Jesse" Armenta, 152, halted Sergio Felix, 149, in the sixth. Ramiro Nides, 112, decisioned Jose "Mexico" Hernandez, 124, in ten.

Chamaco Leyva, 124, stopped Johnny Bojorquez, 125, in two. Pedro "Patas-Chuecas" Garcia, 120, beat Joe Rivera, 122, in six. Chayo Segura and Chamaco Lopez drew in four.

▸ **TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS:** Lorenzo Gutierrez, 112, a very good prospect, won as he pleased from Jose "Carbonero" Vargas, 113, in ten rounds. Relampago Zarate, 114, scored a knockout over Leoncito Hernandez, 113, in the ninth.

▸ **PROGRESO, YUCATAN:** Juan Peralta, 113, beat Baby Valdez, 114, in six rounds. Kid Superman, 120, and Golden Boy, 121, drew in six.

Pepe El Toro, 125, technically kayoed Negrito Saldivar, 124, in two rounds.

▸ **SAN LUIS POTOSI, S. L. P.:** Genaro Gaytan, 125, iced Alfonso "Zurdo" Aldama, 125, in the first round.

▸ **TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS:** Eduardo "Mosquita" Hernandez, 150, stopped Latigo Garcia, 151, in the fifth round.

▸ **CORDOBA, VERACRUZ:** Jimmy Velazco, 133, stopped Arturo Navarro, 134, in three rounds. Pavita Torres, 117, stopped Gonzalo Alonso, in six.

Roberto Rodriguez outscored over Chucho Perez in 6. Pepe Velazco beat Ernesto Zuñiga in four. Jaime Martinez iced Kid Cubano in the firstround.

▸ **GUADALAHARA, JALISCO:** Raul "Lobito" Montoya, 129, outclassed Crescencio Mendez, 128, in ten. Juan Montoya, 123, technically stopped Juan Quiroz, 125, in the tenth.

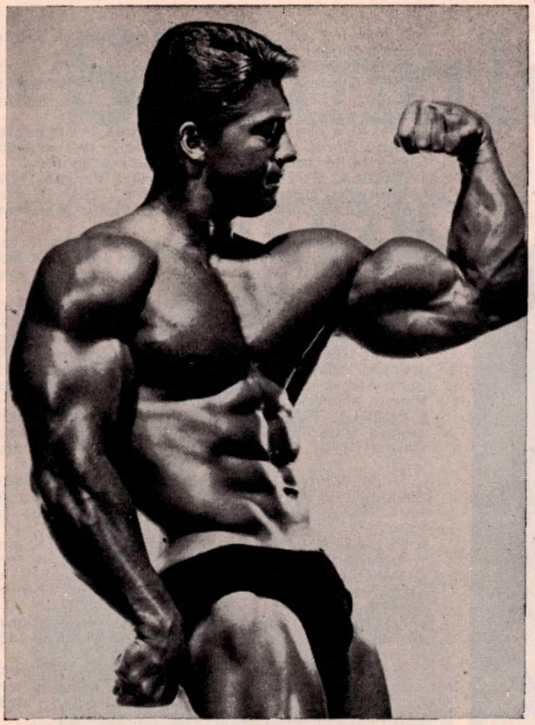
Felix Montoya, 124, stopped Carlos Chavez, 125, in three. Francisco Alvarado lost to Rodolfo Gutierrez in four. Jesus Lozano TKO'd Ernesto Muñoz in the second.

▸ **MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Daniel Gutierrez, 112, gained a clean decision from Ramiro Garcia, 113, in ten rounds. Lupe Torres, 118, tko'd Pancho Ramirez, 119, in three heats. Jose Rocha iced Jose Villanueva in the first.

▸ **NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS:** Luis "Estudiante" Ramirez, 132, scored a points win over Efren Jimenez, 129, in ten rounds.

▸ **CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA:** Jose Angel "Mantequilla" Napoles, 140, stopped Humberto Trottman, 140, of Panama in 2.

Chucho Castillo, 117, again tko'd Edmundo "Mundo" Esparza, 120, in the tenth. Rogelio Reyes, 138, outpointed Jose Luis Cruz, 139, in ten. Luis Sanchez, 123, and Eliseo Estrada, 122, drew in 10.



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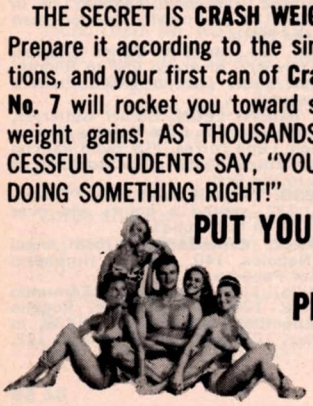

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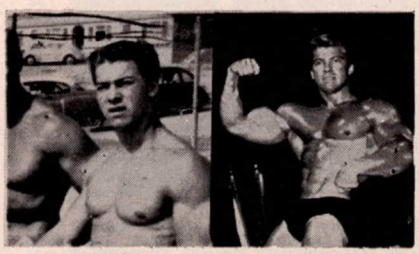

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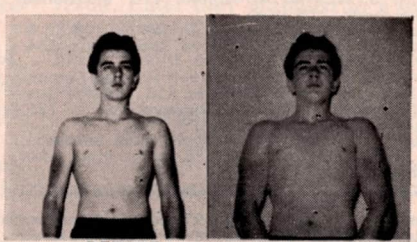

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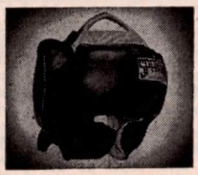

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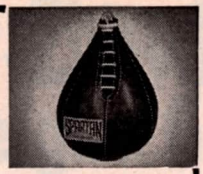

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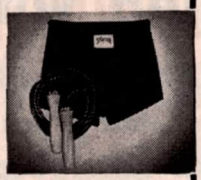

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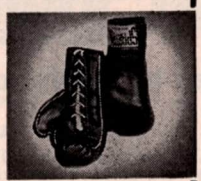

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STRANGLER LEWIS

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After his retirement Lewis got religion. He became an avid student of the Bible and a keen tracer of the life of Christ.

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At various times Ed was a rancher, a restaurateur, a publicity man, a motion picture star.

More than any other wrestler in the annals of the sport did the Strangler have a keen appreciation of the tremendous values of ballyhoo.

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FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA
By E. McDowell

Boxing returned to the Phoenix Coliseum with Charley Austin taking a 10-round decision from Gomeo Brennan. Austin weighed 155 to Gomeo's 157. It was very close and the decision was unpopular with most.

In the undercard, Carl Moore, 157, Phoenix whipped fast-slipping Florentino Fernandez, 161, in a 10. Leonard Coleman, 159, making a comeback after a long layoff, defeated late substitute Eddie McGruder, 155, in 6 rounds. The decision was split. Both are from Phoenix. Alton Colter, 124 scored a TKO in the third over Marciano Rivas, 124, Texas, and J. B. Cook, 137, scored a TKO in fifth over Mel Cruz, 132 of Texas.

Making his home in Phoenix is one of the brightest heavyweight prospects in the West. He is Ismael (Kid) Longoria, age 18, of Austin, Texas. Longoria gave a classy exhibition (4 round) with world champion Jose Torres as part of the Joey Limas—Ralph Dupas show at the Fremont in Las Vegas. Pat O'Grady trains Longoria. Dupas stopped Limas via a cut eye in the 5th round.

DUPAS CONTINUES TO WIN IN HIS COMEBACK

Special Correspondence of The Ring

Las Vegas, Nev.—Ralph Dupas, once top ranking fighter who has shifted his base of operations to this city, continues to make headway in his comeback. His latest exploit was a five round knockout of Joey Limas, Albuquerque.

The Fremont and Silver Slipper clubs are operating with regularity and getting fine responses from local and incoming fans.

In the Silver Slipper, Eddie Cotton, the most popular light heavyweight boxer in this locality, who recently lost a world championship bout to Jose Torres, but whose loss was questioned by most of the fans, engaged in three rounds exhibition with Ferd Hernandez, of Nevada. This was prior to Eddie's bout with Torres.

The feature contests for the month follows:

Chico Santos, of Oakland, Cal., won a split decision over Benito Juarez, Las Vegas, in 10 rounds; Johnny Brooks, Henderson, Nev., won a 10 rounder from Joe Clark, of Vegas; Larry Clark, Vegas, stopped Mariano Serrano, Mexicali, Mexico in the eighth round.

▸ **Fremont Arena**—Ralph Dupas, Las Vegas, 149½, stopped Joey Limas, Albuquerque, 148, in 5; Charlie Wright, Phoenix, Ariz., 162, won a TKO over Willie McGee, Las Vegas, 174½, in 3; Charlie Hall, Phoenix, Ariz., 173, and Henry Fox (Henry Pouncey), Los Angeles, 168, fought a draw in four rounds.

▸ **Fremont Arena**—Johnny Brooks, Henderson, Nev., 148, decisioned Joe Clark, Las Vegas, 150, in 10; Billy Walker, Riverside, Cal., 159, won by a TKO over Billy Marsh, Las Vegas, 160½, in 6; Rudolfo Gonzalez, Long Beach, Cal., won by decision in 8 over Roul "Baby Face" Carreon, Phoenix, Ariz., 130½.

▸ **Silver Slipper**—Larry Clark, Las Vegas, 140, won by a TKO over Mariano Serrano, Mexicali, Mexico, in 8; Polo Corona, Los Angeles, 148½, won in 10 over Shelly Lyons, Los Angeles, 148 in 10; Bully King, Los Angeles, 158, won over Jim Morris, Las Vegas, in 5, via a decision.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

Sweet Herbie Lee, 138, Washington, D.C., junior welterweight, scored a five round T.K.O. win over New Yorker Mike Cruz, 137½, at the Steelworkers Hall in Baltimore.

When referee Terry Moore stopped the bout, a rain of paper cups and newspapers hit the ring, tossed by irate fans who thought the arbiter was too hasty in halting hostilities.

For three rounds the flashy looking D.C. battler played cat and mouse with Cruz and when the fourth canto began, Lee opened up. In the fifth a series of fast blows deposited Cruz on the deck, and was wobbly when he got up. Then Lee began a cannonade and referee Moore stopped proceedings.

Nearly 600 fans attended, dishing out a gross gate of $2,294, the smallest turnout by Eli Hanovers Sports Activities boxing club. However the show was held during a heat wave.

Baltimore's Jerry Brewer, 141, looked sharp in his winning effort over Philadelphian, Bud Anderson, who was outweighed by 6½ pounds. This eight round bout went the distance.

Ulysses Jiminez, 137½, New York City, was a popular winner over Washingtonian Adrian Davis, who scaled 136, Davis had an early lead over his foe only to wilt over the ever pressing Jiminez, who pounded his foe to a TKO defeat in 2:50 of the sixth round.

Baltimore lightheavyweight, Jimmy Payne, 176½, scored his second kayo in as many starts when he T.K.O.'ed Johnny Hardwick, 169½, of Bridgeton N.J. Hardwick claimed a shoulder injury and afiled to come to scratch for the second heat.

BOXING FROM MIAMI
By Hank Kaplan

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—Mammoth Al Jones, of Goulds, 219, moved a step closer to the bigger guns of the heavyweight division with his spectacular K.O. of Levi Forte, Miami, 192, in the fifth round in the Auditorium feature.

In his eleventh start as a pro before a capacity crowd, the 6 foot 6 inch southpaw exploded a long, straight left on Forte's chin, dumping the local trial horse in a corner. Levi beat the count though dazed.

A right to the pit of the abdomen put Forte on his back again while referee Barney Felix tolled the ten. Prior to the first knockdown, Forte was very much in the fight as he boxed cautiously and connected with short hooks at close range. Forte represented the best opposition Jones has experienced to date and became his ninth K.O. victim in 11 fights. Jones has only one loss in an early contest.

In the semi-bout of ten rounds, Jesus Hernandez, now living in Miami, 142½, outpunched clever Tommy Dennis, Tampa, 139½, to earn a unanimous decision in a lively bout.

In a six-rounder, Jimmy Ralston, Buffalo, 170½, disposed of Ritchie Smith, Miami, 173½, in business-like manner. Ralston has power to burn and exhibited much of it as he poured it on to stop Smith, a cagy veteran, in the fifth round. The upstate New Yorker racked up his 3rd straight K.O. in these parts.

Ray Cano, Puerto Rico, 152½, won a unanimous decision in 4 rounds over Burnell Scott, Miami, 143, while newcomer Alfred Diaz, 142, Miami, stopped Richard Riviera, Miami, 135, in the 3rd round of a scheduled 4 rounder.

MIAMI BEACH—There have been overnight sensations who later blew up. But Jimmy Ralston, Buffalo, 167½, is not one of those. He won a 10 round large margin points decision from tough Billy Tiger, Miami, 178½.

Both fighters were given a standing ovation at battle's end. The Italian-Irish kid has piled up 5 straight victories. He is a two-fisted puncher, a spectacular fighter, whose style is like that of Jim Slattery, a former great from Buffalo. Ralston had his opponent in trouble on numerou occasions. The contest, promoted by Chris Dundee at the Auditorium, was loaded with action despite the one-sided voting, which follows:

Referee Jimmy Peerless had it 98-90; judge Gus Jacobson, 99-90; and judge Barry Pearlman, 97-93.

In the 8 round semi-final, Eddie Linder, Miami 132, made it look easy as he stopped Jimmy Lee, Miami, 140, in the sixth round. Linder, the best prospect at his weight in the area, made it his sixteenth win against one loss and 7 draws in 24 bouts.

In a six rounder Ray Cano, Puerto Rico, 148 repeated a victory over Burnell Scott, Miami, 141. but this time over the TKO route, as the referee stopped the bout in the sixth round.

In a four rounder, Lou Howard, Miami, 171, won his first in a spell as he spoiled the pro debut of Tony Flame, Miami, 178½. Flame, who doubles as a restaurant man, almost dished out enough as he lost the duke by a split decision.

Newcomer Bobby Hunter, 141, Miami, fought hard enough to gain a draw with the more experienced Al Diaz, Miami, 144¾, over 4.

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA—Willi Besmanoff, Melbourne, 199, scored his third successive victory at the Civic Auditorium when he outpointed Willie Johnson, Boynton Beach, 190, in a bruising battle. Though a difference of opinion prevailed following the awarding of the ten round decision, the judges unanimously agreed on Willi.

In the 8 round semi-final, Roscoe Bell, Cocoa, tagged James Lee, Miami, on the chin in the first round and it was all over. Both welterweights are about on a par so the one round surprise was not expected.

In an auspicious debut, Moses Harrell, St. Petersburg, former Southern AAU heavyweight champion, trounced the experienced Wayne Bunyan, St. Petersburg, for an easy 6 round victory on points.

Teddy Murray, Melbourne, had too much experience for Jimmy Williams, St. Petersburg, and the latter was unable to answer the bell for the 6th round.

Tagging along for the ride, Eddie Linder, Miami lightweight, added another in his win column as he toyed with Burnell Scott, Miami, in a 4 rounder.

Melbourne—Besmanoff wasted little time in passing his second comeback test as he disposed of Aaron Beasley, Miami, in the first round at the Civic Auditorium.

Besmanoff again filled the arena and was signed as headliner for the third successive show at the auditorium by Co-promoters Chris Dundee and Johnny Esposito.

In a third six rounder, eGne Idlette, Fort Pierce, picked up an easy decision over Wayne Bunyan, St. Petersburg, in a battle of heavyweights.

MIAMI HIGHLIGHTS—Izzy Kline, former trainer of Barney Ross, keeps in close touch with the former champion who is hospitalized in Chicago.

Danny DiLiberto, Florida billiards champ, once had the makings of a top flight lightweight boxer. He packed it all in several years ago after going undefeated in 14 pro fights as Danny Toriani. He now uses his hands, which broke repeatedly in the ring, for holding cue sticks.

Due to his unusual punching power, Jimmy Ralston, Buffalo lightweight, operating out of Miami, has become the most talked about prelim fighter in years. After 4 fights locally, he boasts a 9-0-1 record with 7 via the knockout route. . . . Jimmy Brady, one time great Detroit lightweight artist of the roaring twenties, was in the corner of Sugar Cliff, Fort Lauderdale, 144, as the former Bahamian was declared TKO winner over Ray Minus, Nassau, 147, in the 4th round in the Nassau Stadium.

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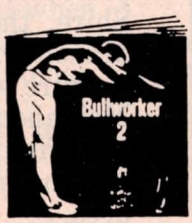

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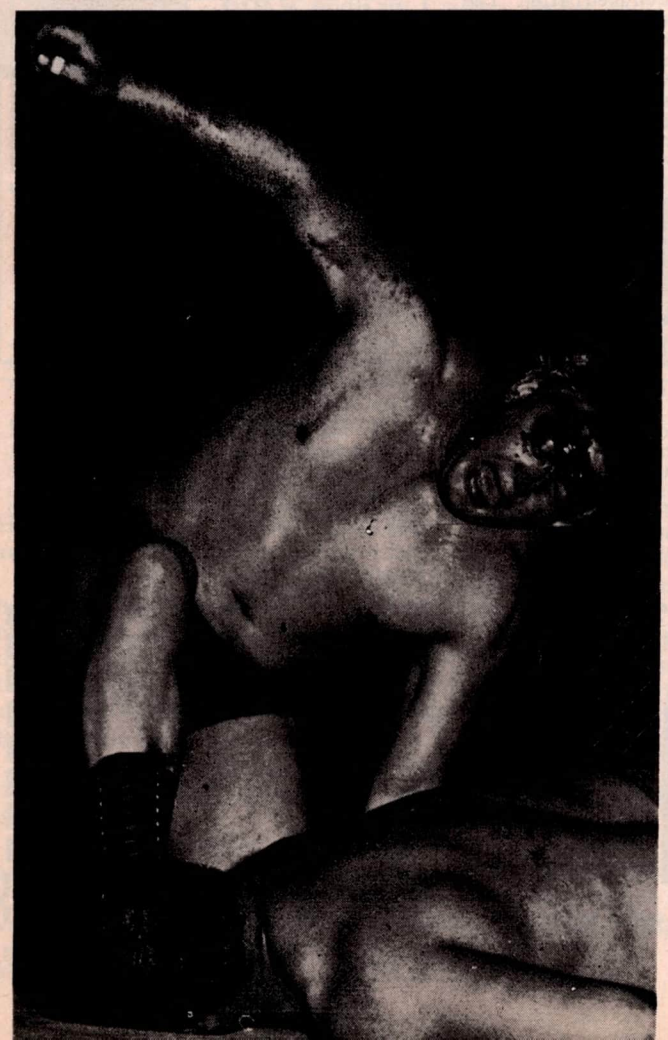
Ray Stevens (right) points warning finger at Karl Gotch, who's about to begin a bull-like charge during their match at the San Francisco Cow Palace.

Ray appears rather bloodied, but Jose Lothario is laid out flat after he missed a flying tackle of the top rope during a wire match in San Jose, Calif.



STEVENS-BRUNO BOUT IN WORKS?

By DOUG HANSEN

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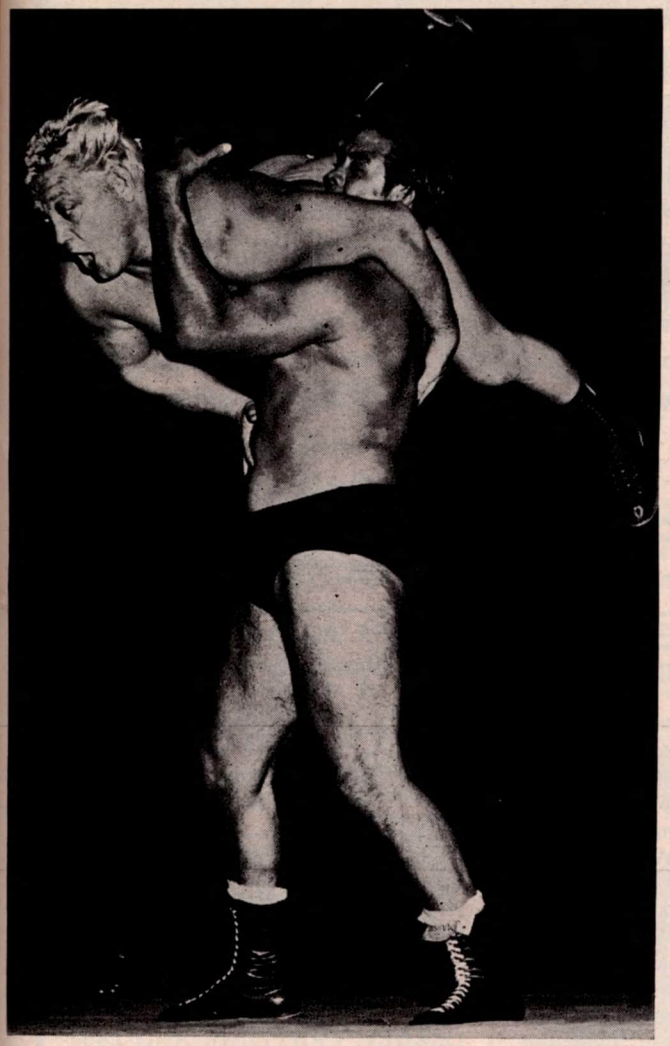
RAY STEVENS is one of the greatest wrestlers extant. He is so good that Vince McMahon, the Washington D.C. promoter is burning up the phone to Roy Shire, the promoter in San Francisco. McMahon wants a Stevens-Sammartino battle.

Shire wants Sammartino to come West and McMahon wants Stevens to go to Washington. Stevens and Pat Patterson hold a tag team title and that's why Stevens will not go to the other area.

Stevens doesn't worry about that fight. He



Lothario has Stevens in his clutches as he is about to slam him to the canvas. Ray doesn't look very happy over the prospect.

There goes Ray heading matward as he's flipped by Karl Gotch in the Cow Palace ring.

thinks about other things that are important to his career.

Ray has blond hair, which he dyes, but his hair is naturally blond and he wants it to look good . . . like it is.

For the last three years Stevens has been wrestling in San Francisco earning close to $80,000 per year. If Ray wanted to work a full year he could earn as much as "Killer" Kowalski.

Ray has had some rought and bloody battles in his time. With Pepper Gomez he got a *good* cut on the head. He went to the hospital when Gomez hit Ray with the timekeeper's bell.

Stevens has had many tag team matches, Pat Patterson, Cyclone Negro and Ray defeated the team of Luis Hernandez, Luis Martinez and Jim Hady. Ray didn't get hurt but Hernandez did!

One time a "lady" cut Ray's back with a knife, she went to jail. Speaking of jail, Stevens has been there a few times. Sometimes when he goes into a night-club a drunk will challenge him and when Ray puts up his hands he gets thrown in jail.

Stevens defeated Bobo Brazil and Cowboy Bill Watts, now the A.W.A. champion, couldn't beat Brazil. If there were a Stevens-Watts battle the winner might be the "Blond Bomber".

Ray does things outside the ring too. He calls a friend of his and they rent a plane and fly to Miami Beach or someplace where they can have some fun.

Recently Stevens, Cyclone Negro and Patterson defeated the team of Luis Martinez, Jimmy Hady and Luis Hernandez. If you saw the bout you might say that Ray forgets the rules and he wrestles like any bear would.

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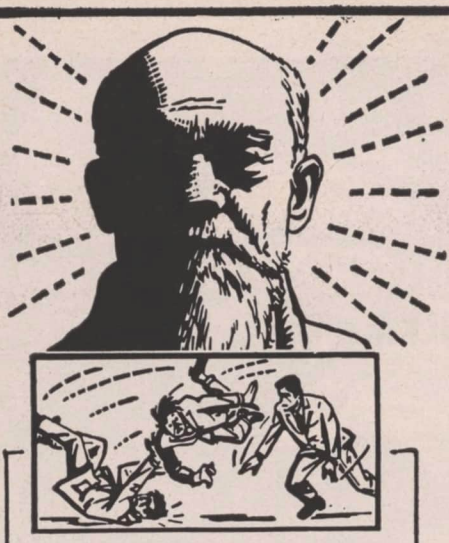

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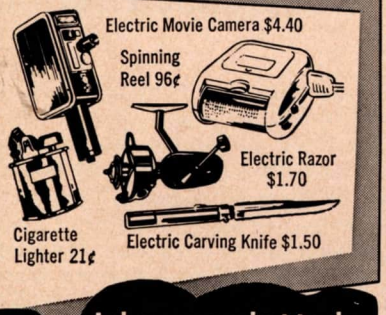

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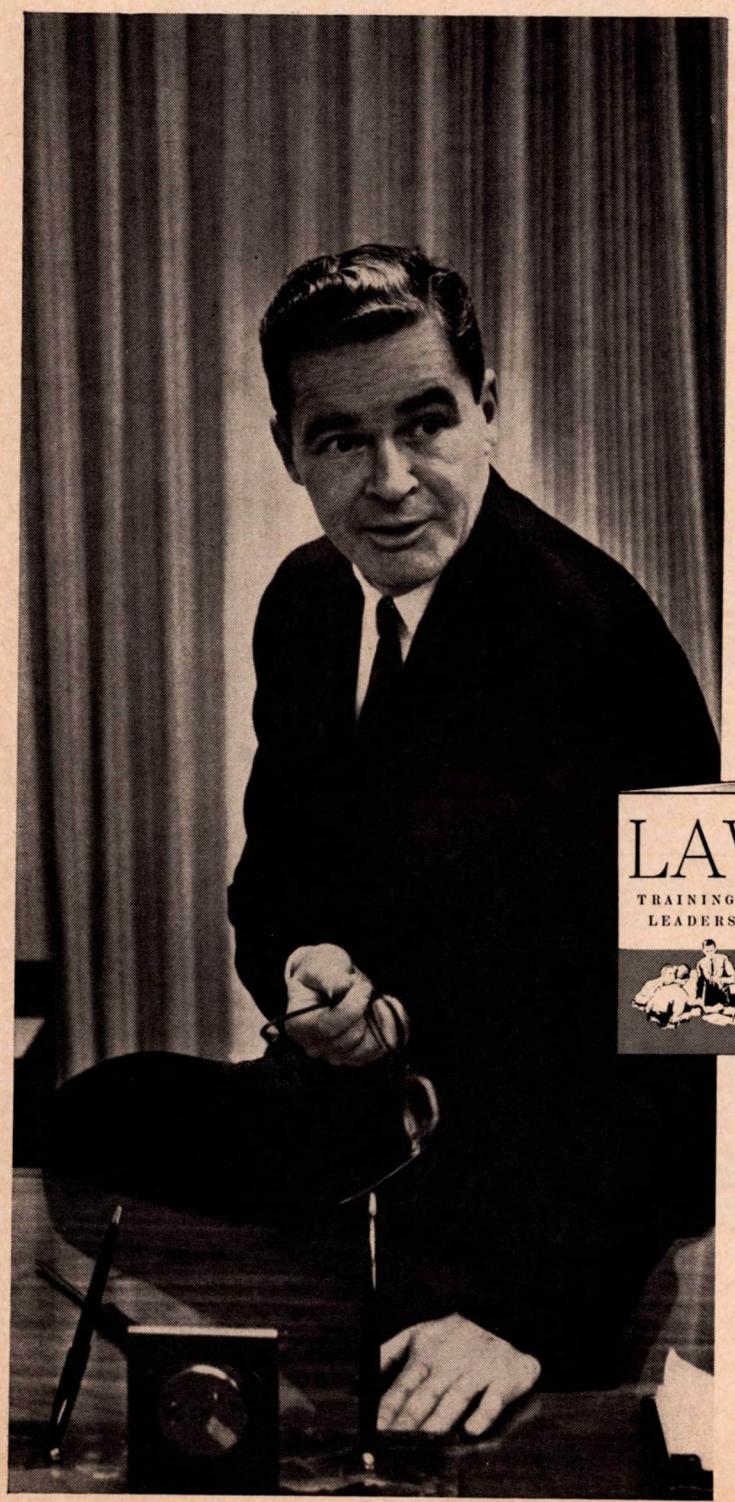

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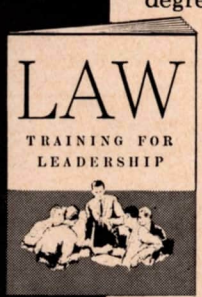

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